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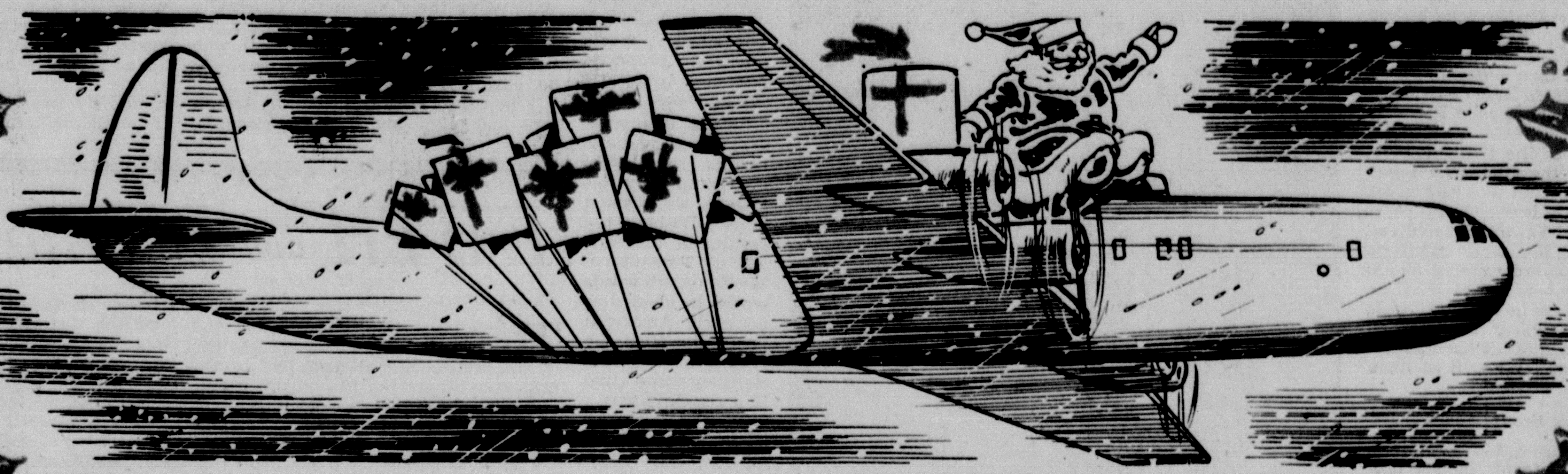

Merry Christmas

The GREATEST of all GIFTS

By HUGH SCOTT

THE United States really was born on Christmas Day, 1776. It was born in the faith a tall, tired General had in his men, and in the words he said as dusk sifted down through black, winter-stripped branches to shadow the nearby Delaware River and blur the New Jersey shore beyond:

"The time now is near at hand which probably must determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves."

Today those words of George Washington may sound slightly melodramatic but on that earlier Christmas Day they formed only a simple statement of fact. Historians agree that the cause of Independence was at its lowest ebb. Not long before, Washington's Army had been beaten at Brooklyn, N. Y. It had retreated to Manhattan, N. Y., then across the Hudson River, then across New Jersey, and finally across the Delaware River to Pennsylvania.

General Howe, of the British Army, felt so sure that the American rebellion was crushed that he had given General Cornwallis leave to return to England. General Washington had lost much-needed supplies and artillery. Many of his men were without shoes; others lacked bayonets for their rifles. And, across the river in Trenton, N. J., Colonel Rall was telling his Hessian soldiers: "What need of intrenchments? Let the rebels come. We will at them with bayonets."

Washington's Brave Words

The words of Washington were more productive: *"The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this Army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or to die."*

But Washington knew well that words alone don't win battles. His plan was to make use of the overconfidence of the enemy by attacking. He was to cross the Delaware River nine miles above Trenton. Two smaller forces were to cross the river opposite and south of that New Jersey town. And together they were to fall on the 1,500 Hessians of the British Army, who they thought would be worn out with Christmas festivities. Volunteers had come from Philadelphia to swell Washington's Army. General Sullivan had arrived in camp with the men formerly commanded by General Lee, and General Gates had brought 2,000 men from the upper Hudson River.

That Cold Christmas Night

The two smaller forces that were to have crossed the Delaware River at Trenton and below it were stopped by the danger of floating ice. But nothing could stop General Washington. Before the first stars began winking on that cold Christmas night, Massachusetts fishermen were straining at the oars of the boats Washington had collected for crossing the Delaware. By midnight snow was falling. Ice floes slid out of the darkness to bump the boats. Sleet

"The fate of unborn millions will depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army," said Gen. George Washington just before the Battle of Trenton on Christmas day 170 years ago.

coated the cannon as the men strained to get them from shore to boat and then from boat to shore across the river.

It wasn't until 4 o'clock next morning that the Army was formed on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River and started down the nine miles to Trenton. The snow had turned to sleet. And many of the soldiers must have kept going only because of their memory of Washington's words:

"Our own, our country's honor, calls upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us then rely on the goodness of our cause, and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions. The eyes of all our countrymen are now upon us; we shall have their blessings and their praise, if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the tyranny meditated against them. Let us, therefore, animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a freeman contending for liberty is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth. Liberty, property, life and honor are all at stake. . . ."

Seldom in any nation's history have results so closely and completely followed a spoken hope. Without the results of the Battle of Trenton, Washington's words would be classed as an early American pep talk. With the results of this battle, they come alive in a startling way.

At 8 o'clock that morning the long march over slippery roads to Trenton was completed. The day before, the American troops had watched the enemy celebrating Christmas across the river. A few of the soldiers realized that the more the enemy sang and the more they drank, the easier would be the coming battle.

Preparation for Battle

On the march down to Trenton the American Army divided. One group under General Sullivan took the road nearest the river; the other group under General Greene took the upper or Scotch road. Washington marched with General Greene's troops. Most of the men were veterans, having seen service at Bunker Hill, in Canada, at White Plains and Harlem Heights and on Long Island. They came from every province from New Hampshire to Virginia.

Gen. Greene's advance guards made first contact with the British outposts on the outskirts of Trenton. The surprise was complete. The two columns moved steadily on in support of their advance parties, down King and Queen Streets (later Warren and Greene Streets). At a junction point six cannon were set up and Washington himself directed their fire.

Colonel Rall, in command of the British, was awakened by the gunfire. He pulled himself together fearfully and quickly, but his officers were hopelessly bewildered. Hessians threw aside their arms and ran without a fight.

Meanwhile, the cold, hungry Americans were more alert. They fired from behind houses and trees. They moved up close, then rushed groups of Hessians with their bayonets. Gradually the British were driven to a field beyond the town where Colonel Rall, who had been mortally wounded, gave up his sword to General Washington.

When the battle was over the Americans had taken about 1,000 prisoners, 1,200 small arms, six brass field pieces and all the enemy standards. The American loss was two killed, two frozen to death and a few dozen wounded.

The more far-reaching results of this battle, and of the Battle of Princeton a few days later in which General Washington outmaneuvered the British, were felt on every side. General Cornwallis hastily cancelled his proposed visit to England. American soldiers, whose enlistments were running out, were encouraged to re-enlist. New recruits came to the Army in greater numbers. Robert Morris was able to raise $50,000 to pay the troops. In fact, the whole atmosphere changed, and thousands who had given up the American cause as lost gained heart and started working for it again.

It was the greatest Christmas present this country ever has received—these words and actions of George Washington and his men on Christmas Day 170 years ago. Thus it gives Christmas an added meaning to every American, who is one of the "unborn millions" mentioned by General Washington during that chill twilight of Christmas, 1776.

FAITH and Brotherhood

(AN EDITORIAL from The Birmingham News)

THE faith of Christmas is that the Creator of the universe desires the highest good for all men; that brotherhood is the goal of life on this earth; that there is power, supreme power, in the spirit of man—in a spirit in keeping with this faith.

Each year through the centuries this faith has been renewed by the mysterious magic of this season. Always men have managed to achieve something of this faith. But it has seldom been easy for those who have faced up to all the harsh realities of life.

For years during the most terrible war in all history it was extremely difficult to hold fast to the Christmas faith. Now that peace of a sort has come, it seems in some ways more difficult than ever.

Fighting the war, fighting in the deep conviction that we were serving the right, we were preoccupied with the all-absorbing demands upon us, we were hopeful as to what would come after victory had been achieved. Now we are in a measure released from the long agony, the tension lifts, and yet a darker fear than ever grips all the world.

Men Still Afraid

Men are afraid that the nations next may accomplish the destruction of everything. Doubt and distrust assail even the most hopeful.

Could a loving God be responsible for such a creation?

Will it ever be possible to achieve brotherhood with certain of the peoples of the earth?

Is there any power in the spirit or are all things finally subject to sheer selfishness and physical force?

It is such questions as these that harry the souls of countless millions of good men as this Christmas of 1946 draws near.

Shall we simply suppress such misgivings underneath the warm emotions and the distractions and pleasures of these days, submerging them until we must go on with the hard realities after the holidays have passed?

Or shall we face these fundamental issues as honestly as we can and strive to see what meaning the light of Christmas sheds upon them?

Perhaps the latter approach is not as involved as it may seem to so many millions of sincere men and women. For one tremendous fact now stands out, more clearly and more simply than ever before.

No Hope in Physical Power

It is the fact that there is no hope for the world simply in the multiplication of physical power. Indeed, the vast new potentialities which now present themselves in the field of atomic energy bring out as never before the futility of seeking to establish peace and a good world primarily on a basis of destructive power.

It is evident that if all the nations seek security in that way, any nation might become an uncontrollable threat to all other nations.

It is evident that if the great nations of the earth turn to competition in the development of destructive power, any explosion might bring the literal destruction of civilization.

The fear that would be produced by any such competition would almost certainly produce an early explosion.

So, then, in all the complexity of these days it should at least be clear that no safety, no progress, no real peace, can be found through the power or threat of violence.

If there is to be a good world, it must be achieved through the power of the good spirit, through a more effective establishment of the ways of brotherhood among men, through a renewal

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Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Matthew 19:13-15.

MAGIC Touch of CHRISTMAS

(Condensed from Philadelphia Inquirer)

OLD-TIME residents of the Southwest and those of every city and town in the United States recall holidays long past and the gay customs which made them bright. But our Christmas traditions are not entirely our own. They were brought here from many lands by many nations and races and we have adapted and unified them through the years.

Long before ever there was a Christmas, people in many countries held their great annual celebrations at the winter solstice the latter part of December.

Thus the Yule log was bequeathed us by the ancient Druids who worshipped the living tree as a symbol of eternal life. A great while before the birth of Christ, people in northern lands observed the turning point of the year by cutting the log and offering it as fresh fire to the sun. Centuries later wine and oil were poured on it and carols were sung as it burned. In this country the ceremonial was most popular in the Southern States where the celebration usually concluded with a Virginia Reel.

The mistletoe, which causes so much merriment at our holiday parties, was held sacred to the gods by the Druids. Our sparkling tapers reflect the ancient Feast of Lights observed by the Jewish people. But the custom of lighted candles on Christmas Eve really was inspired by Ireland. There it was customary to burn a large candle which could be snuffed only by a woman named Mary. "For who knows," it was asked, "but on some Christmas Eve Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, this time to the holy isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Even our holiday greens are survivals of other, less gentle anniversaries. For their Feast of Saturn at the winter solstice, the Romans trimmed temples and homes with laurel and holly. And early Christians copied these decorations.

Each Yule season in towns and cities of the Southwest, thousands are cheered by great lighted trees erected to symbolize the spirit of good will. Of recent years there is hardly a city, town or village in the United States but sets up a Christmas tree.

A Recent Innovation

But the lighted and decorated Christmas tree is a comparatively recent innovation. Not until the 19th century was it adopted by every Christian nation. Probably the first unlighted and undecorated tree graced a celebration in Alsace, France, about 1646. Within the next 50 years it picked up lights

Christmas traditions of many lands by many nations.

and crossed the Rhine into Germany. Between 1800 and 1841 it invaded Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Austria. It was taken to England by Queen Victoria's German consort, Prince Albert.

It is said the first tree to find its way into a home in the United States was in Wooster, Ohio. There on Christmas Eve of 1847, August Imgard, recently arrived from Germany, surprised nieces and nephews with this part of his native land's holiday celebration.

Each country has its own legend of the patron saint of childhood, the good fairy who rides forth on Christmas Eve to fill small stockings with goodies and leave toys by the hearthside. Our own boys and girls know him as Santa Claus.

But even Santa Claus came to us from Holland by way of Germany. The St. Nicholas of the Dutch children really existed long ago. He was born in Patras, a city of Lycia in Asia Minor in the third century, was Archbishop of Myra, a noted churchman, famous for his kindly deeds. Some 600 years after his death in 343 he was canonized through influence of Vladimir of Russia and became Russia's patron saint. Later Greece, Naples, Lucerne, Siberia, Lapland and Holland gave him the same honor. In England alone he is patron of more than 400 church congregations. For the presents which filled their stockings and little porcelain shoes at Christmas, children in the Low Countries thanked the good San Nicholas. Dutch settlers brought the St. Nicholas customs to New York and the New World. But children in the Rhine provinces already were calling their patron Senter Klos (meaning Santa Claus).

So the tradition of the churchman merged with Yule magic and Santa Claus came into being.

Other Christmas Customs

Italian children believe their gifts are left by La Bafana, a poor old lady who tried in vain to catch up with the Wise Men carrying their rich offerings to the Christ Child. English and Australian hopefuls think of Father Christmas himself as the giver.

Czechoslovakian children thank an angel-like Christ Child for a yearly visit to the earth and the gift He leaves them. Into Scandinavian homes elfin Julenissen or Tomtegobar tosses a bag of toys and candies. Polish boys and girls receive their gifts from the stars, Hungarians from the angels.

In some other countries, where evergreens are not abundant, the Christmas Crib often is substituted for the tree. The Crib is the center of the great celebration held each year at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, "The Christmas City of the United States." Called the Putz by the Pennsylvania Dutch, it is lovingly prepared in almost every home. And

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C U R R E N T   C O M M E N T

By STAFF EDITOR

Time Cannot Wither Christmas

THE gates of time have swung wide again to permit our entrance into the exotically beautiful land of Christmas. Every fibre of our being is in accord with so many phases of its holy splendor. And, as we listen intently, we hear once more the reassuring song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men." Somehow we know that ultimately this will be.

"God said it would be so
That starry Christmas midnight
Long ago."

Beyond the scope of our human experiences, the glorious light of Christmas shines on the far-off hills, above the disturbance of doubt, the anxiety of fear and worry, and the frustration of mankind, where God has greater things than human mind ever conceived. His plan is inexorable and His thoughts so tremendously far-reaching. We need the spiritual realities of hope, faith, love and kindness that Christmas brings to preserve the immeasurable and immortal values with which we are endowed.

"Time cannot wither Critsams, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is in union with Him who has overcome the world."

Christmas is Christ, the Christ of love and justice and freedom and peace. Because its fruits are of the soul, they can never die!

The treasures of art—the Madonna, the Nativity, the Adoration; the treasures of music—from the sweetest strains of Silent Night to the Magnificat, the Annunciation and the swing and sweep of the centuries world without end—in the mighty Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's "Messiah."

All are a part of this great train, as are the smallest deeds of love and kindness, truth and mercy. At Christmas we sing, we remember, and we serve to express a joy that becomes our own radiant possession, striking a chord of harmony in a discordant world.

Let us attune our living to the great spirit of Christmas. Let us look up at this star to behold the eternal purpose.

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Yule Record Expected

The greatest Christmas spending spree in history has been predicted for the United States this year.

Carl F. Gamer, president of the Association of Buying Officers, says that when the final figures are in sales will top by 25 per cent the record $22,794,000 mark set last year.

Reason for the spree is not only the current prosperity. It lies in the fact that traditional gifts such as shirts, sleds, electric trains and lingerie items are on the counters once again.

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Santa in Housing Business

Even old Santa Claus has drifted into the housing business.

Assembly lines for toy tanks, armored cars and battleships have been slowed down, replaced by machines that yield materials for miniature homes, buildings and airports.

That's only half the surprise he's carrying in his bundle this Christmas.

Santa's engineers are well in step with modern science. They've got smoke billowing out of electric trains and a whistle for every stop. By remote control logs can be loaded onto a flat car, coal lumped into a coal car and pipes lifted by an electro - magnet, transferred to another train.

A few war toys remain. Lead soldiers, jeeps and electric cannons are still in stock. Mainly, however, Santa has swung to the educational type of toy with a note of better quality, craftsmanship.

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Be Careful With Christmas Trees

Don't let carelessness in handling your Christmas tree turn the Yuletide into a season of tragedy. Observe the following rules to prevent disastrous fires:

1. Set the tree up in a pan of water.
2. The base of the tree should be cut at an angle at least one inch above the original cut, and kept standing in water until removed from the house.
3. The tree should be kept away from stoves and other sources of heat.
4. It should be securely placed to prevent falling, and so placed that it will not block an exit.
5. Only safe and approved electric sets should be used for lighting purposes, never candles.
6. Only flameproofed materials should be used as decorations.
7. Christmas wrappings should be removed without delay.
8. Protect gas heaters and fireplaces with screen guards to prevent clothing from catching afire.
9. Consult your local fire marshal or fire chief when in doubt about the rules of safety in preventing fire.

Strikers Ineligible for Benefits

Veterans who are striking against an employer cannot receive unemployment benefits, according to a decision by the Veterans' Administration.

The decision centered around three veterans who claimed compensation because they were out of work during the General Motors strike last winer. Since 50,000 veterans took part in the General Motors strike, the test case against the three men will be far-reaching in its effect.

Meanwhile, the Veterans' Administration reported that 1,958,053 World War II vets are receiving Federal education or training benefits. Of this number, 1,292,893 are attending college or school and 665,160 are receiving on-the-job training.

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Surplus Goes at Quarter Cost

The United States is selling millions of dollars of the war materials it shipped overseas to whip the Axis at slightly less than one-quarter of their original cost.

Furthermore, less than half of these sales are for actual cash. The remainder represents credits extended to other countries to make purchases, trades or cultural exchanges.

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Coal Miners' Pay

Under their contract soft coal miners in the United States have a nine-hour day, including travel time underground. They have a five-day week. Work on the sixth day is optional at time-and-a-half rate.

The basic rate is $1.18½ an hour. For every hour they work in excess of forty-five they receive $1.77½ an hour, which is the basic rate. Lewis' recent demands were for a forty-hour work week. Thus a miner working forty hours a week would receive $71.10.

Latest figures from the Bureau of Labor Standards show average time worked in the bituminous mines was 42.4 hours, for which the miners received an average of $62.37. On that basis miners' earnings exceed those of most other industrial groups.

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U. S. Payroll Rises

Uncle Sam is issuing regular pay checks to almost 20,000,000 people, or more than one-seventh of the entire population of the country.

The cost averages $1,701,000,000 a month, or about $87 for each citizen on the payroll. This amounts to half the annual Federal budget.

Civilian payrolls include 2,761,172 persons. The military includes 2,454,056 and the veteran group (all wars) comes to 5,636,041. Social Security amounts to 5,633,534 more, and 3,000,000 farmers are receiving $22,000,000 a year from the agricultural conservation program.

These figures do not include people touched incidentally by such Federal hand-outs as subsidies, school lunches and business, farm and power loans, Indian benefits, maternity and other programs. They include only people receiving pay checks at regularly spaced intervals.

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50½ Billion in Lend-Lease

The United States gave the world more than 50½ billion dollars under lend-lease from March 11, 1941, through last August 31, the date the flow of American aid was ordered halted. This was disclosed in a report to the Treasury by Robert W. Cavanaugh, chief of lend-lease fiscal operations.

The figures are not final, being subject to transfers made to foreign governments not yet recorded to the lend-lease division by the procurement agencies.

The total lease-lend expenditure to August 31 was given as $50,596,698,489. Of this, $31,367,559,327, or almost 62 per cent, went to the British Empire. Soviet Russia received $11,266,642,270. France and her possessions took $3,230,660,198. China's share was $1,557,399,993. These four nations took the bulk of lend-lease, or almost 47½ billion dollars.

In return for the outlay, the report credits less than 7½ billion dollars of reverse lend-lease from the countries benefited.

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Taxes Take Third of Income

The American people as a whole, directly and indirectly, are footing a tax bill for the support of government—Federal, State and local—which, in 1944 and 1945 was the equivalent of nearly $1 out of every $3 of total national income to individuals in each year, or more than $1,300 per family, the Institute of Life Insurance said recently.

The institute traced the growth of the people's tax bill in a study of the long term relationship between government taxes and income payments to individuals, based on figures compiled by the United States Department of Commerce and the National Industrial Conference Board.

The institute study noted that the total tax bill of government in both 1944 and 1945 was almost fifty billion dollars. A few years before, in 1940, it said, this overall government tax bill was just under thirteen billion dollars. This was equivalent to about $1 out of every $6 of total income payments to individuals or well under $400 per family.

Atom Depends On Safety

The U. S. Public Health Service says peacetime use of atomic energy must wait for completion of a newly-launched research program to determine how much radioactivity a workman can safely stand.

Until this is decided there will be no attempt to put the atom to work in peacetime industry. The research is taking place at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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Ground Forces Cut

The United States Army is paring 38,000 men from the ground forces to stay within President Truman's limit of $8,000,000,000 on War Department expenditures. The cut amounts to two and a half infantry divisions.

By January 1 the Army will have dismissed 73,200 civilian workers and the Navy a total of 20,200 as a part of the overall economy drive.

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Strikes Are Expensive

Strike idleness during the first nine months of 1946 cost the U. S. working man three times as much time as did work-stoppages during the entire year of 1945.

Government figures show that 98,225,000 working hours were lost due to labor-management disputes from January through September. For all last year the total was 38,025,000, a record up until that time. Previous peak was 28,425,000 in 1937.

There were 3,575 strikes during the first nine months of this year, as compared with 3,784 for all of 1945. The big jump in man-hours lost, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was because strikes were more bitter, more extensive and longer than ever before.

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Bread Eating Campaign

Remember the bread shortage?

The Millers National Federation now says people aren't eating enough bread and plans to spend $1,250,000 in the next two years to restore bread as the Number One ingredient of the American diet.

Bread has been slipping in public esteem. In 1919 the average American consumed 212 pounds of wheat products. This average dropped off until, during the depression, it hit 155 pounds and this year reached a mere 150 pounds.

A bumper wheat crop this year has made the supply ample to meet all demands caused by the publicity campaign.

Motorist's Duty

With winter driving conditions already here, the highways will be filled with cars of abnormal age and mechanical weaknesses. Driving will be more than usually hazardous. There will be accidents to owners because of over-age vehicles; many will be injured through no fault of their own but because some one did not have his car put in shape for winter driving.

One must hope that motorists will take the necessary precautions this year to prepare their vehicles for adverse conditions which may last a long time. A warning of danger on the highways has been given by T. V. Rodgers, president of the American Trucking Association. He says: "Never has the picture been so black. Old vehicles driven by men and women from whom the discipline of gas rationing or the discipline of military service has been lifted are jamming our highways, jockeying for position, taking chances and depending on defective mechanism."

The staggering toll of automobile accidents is a national challenge. Between 1923 and 1943 more than 500,000 men, women and children died from these tragedies. This year the totals may be close to 40,000 killed and a million injured. As winter approaches it is each motorist's duty, both to himself and family and to his fellow citizens, to see that his car is in good mechanical shape and to drive in accordance with the rules of safety.

The plea for safety simply comes down to a matter of each motorist taking care of his own life and the lives of others.

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Clothing Prices Studied

New York clothing manufacturers declare that clothing prices generally will remain at their current levels unless fabric or labor costs are lowered or boosted.

Exception will be rayon goods where an immediate 12 per cent rise in yarn prices will be reflected in a 15 to 25 per cent rise in the finished product.

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GI's Back On the Job

Thirty-seven per cent of all U. S. employes are veterans. And of the 834,633 veterans employed by the government, two-thirds are veterans of World War II.

These figures were released recently by Charles Anderson, chief of the Veterans Division of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Anderson said there are only 2,232,000 civilian employes working for the government today and of that number only 260,000 work in Washington, D. C.

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How to Live a Long Time

Dr. Martha Eleanor Nelson, of Benton, Ark., who recently celebrated her one hundred first birthday, gives this advice on how to live long:

"If you want to live a long time, stay young. To stay young you must look young and think young. Be interested in the welfare of your neighbors, of your town, and of the world. If things are not being done to please you, then do something constructive about it or keep quiet. Eat a healthy diet, for it is easier to stay well than to get well. Stay in the middle of the road and don't go to extremes. Keep your sense of humor. Don't waste your days by rushing through them. Enjoy your days one at a time."

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Total Axis War Criminals Convicted

A total of 1,986 axis war criminals had been convicted up to Oct. 31, 1946, the United Nations War Crimes Commission announced. Death sentences were meted out to 979 of them. In Europe, there were 1,108 tried, 413 condemned to death, 485 imprisoned, and 210 acquitted. In the Far East, 1,350 appeared in court, 384 were sentenced to die, 704 were imprisoned, and 262 freed.

Whale Meat for Dinner

Special effort will be made to prepare whale meat for human consumption.

World shortages in meat, oils and fats are behind the drive which has been resumed to hunt for whales in Antarctic waters. Chief whaling countries are Norway, Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and whaling is estimated to be worth 200 million dollars annually to them. This year they are sending 14 whale factories and more than 130 whale-catching boats of altogether 300,000 tons dead weight. Some 6,000 men are engaged in whaling.

Last year an Anglo-Norwegian firm of whalers experimented with whale meat as a human food and found it palatable. The plan is to quick-freeze the meat in pieces of about 45 pounds. Whale meat will be sold first in England.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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JINGLE BELLS are ringing and the tones sound sweet to me. I can never remember a dull Christmas but have known several Christmases when I had only 30 cents in my pocket. Money will not make a happy Christmas unless one has in his heart a love for others and a yearning to make others happy. Kindly greetings, without gifts, will make many folks happy. One of the kindest men I ever knew was Uncle Ben McCarthy. He grew on his farm several varieties of thin-shell pecans. Every Christmas Uncle Ben would deliver a paper sack of his pecans to each neighbor as a gift. It was a simple, yet a kindly deed. That was long ago and Uncle Ben has passed on to his reward, still remembered and beloved by the people of his community.

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Uncle Ben simplified and glorified the Christmas spirit. Though a poor man, he shared what little he had with neighbors. He went about looking for good in others and he found it. He never hated anybody and never said an unkind word about anybody. His was a useful and beautiful life. What the world needs at this time is more Uncle Bens.

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Christmas would be a flop without children. They make Christmas brighter, gayer, happier. My children are grown up but some of them have children of their own and I am, therefore, a grandpa and mighty proud of it. When I tell these children there is a real Santa Claus they believe it. When I tell them Santy comes down the chimney and leaves pretty things in their stockings, if they have been good little boys and girls, they believe it. So, I am a big shot among the children, which is more fun than being a bit shot among the grown-ups.

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We should impress upon our children that Christmas means more than toys, candy, tinsel and confetti. We should tell them that it is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus who loved and was the friend of little children. In Matthew, 19:13-15, he said to his disciples: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." At another time he said, Matthew 18:4: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

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Wife has been figuring on what she wlil buy me for Christmas. She reads all the ads in the paper, hoping to find a bargain. She has hinted that my Christmas gift will be a sport shirt, swank tie and ranger belt. I told her not to dress me up, that if she did a pretty blond might kidnap me. She replied: "Not much chance, but if it happens the blond can have you—lock, stock and barrel.

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The trees of Coon Creek have turned scarlet and gold, russet and red. All up and down the creek trees have put on autumn colors. They are prettiest at sunrise and at sunset. Then you see the changing hues of sunlight blend with the colorful leaves of the trees. There is something about the fall of the year that gets you if you live in the country. I have seen many seasons come and go but to me the fall of the year never grows old.

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We hear more about shortages now than during the war. The worse shortage is quality. As prices go up quality comes down. The greatness of America was built on quality. We have prided ourselves on building a better mousetrap, a better plow and a better auto than any other nation. Pride in workmanship, however, is at low ebb. Men are interested in shorter hours, more wages, more vacations, but not interested in quality. Another shortage, and it is also serious, is that of persons willing to do an honest day's work.

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A scientist has discovered that cheerful people resist disease better than glum people. He says you are less apt to catch a cold if you are cheerful. That's worth trying out—being cheerful, at least through January and February, when we catch the most colds. This would be a wonderful world if everybody were cheerful all the time. It would put the devil out of business and stop a lot of squawking and hell-raising.

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The 400,000 soft coal miners who went on a strike, thus violating their contract with the government, should get rid of old John Lewis who is slowly though surely ruining the soft coal business. Because of his tyrannical power over a vital industry, scientists are now at work to find a substitute for coal and they will find it. Low cost atomic heat and energy are not far away from realization. The heat stored in uranium, from which atomic bombs are made, is to be harnessed for industrial and residential use. Scientists estimate that a pound of uranium has the heat equivalent of 100,000 tons of coal.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---*from over the State*

TYLER LEADS U. S. IN ROSES

Rose growers in Tyler, Smith county, produce two-thirds of all outdoor rose bushes in the entire United States, according to the Texas Rose Research Foundation.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

The Texas State Teachers Association says that one out of every four teachers in the Lone Star State is brand new at the job and one out of every six is sub-standard as regards qualifications. The Association says the turnover in teachers is the greatest in history.

LONG-TERM WEDDING CELEBRATED

Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson, of Shamrock, Wheeler county, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Both remain active despite their advanced age and both are enthusiastic members of the Methodist Church. They have six children.

TEXAS LEADS IN AIRFIELDS

More than one-sixth of all Army airfields still in operation are located on Texas soil. Of the 305 fields still active, 53 are in the Lone Star State. As was the case during the war, most of the AAF activity is centered around San Antonio, but there is still a great deal of Army flying being done elsewhere in the State.

GAINESVILLE CIRCUS REVIVES

The Gainesville, Cooke county, circus is going to make a post-war comeback. A community dinner recently saw $3,275 pledged to purchase permanent storage space for circus materials, and plans are being made to rebuild the city's circus bigger and better than ever before.

U. T. BECOMES COSMOPOLITAN

Two hundred and twenty-five foreign students are registered this year at the University of Texas, and they come from 33 different countries. Mexico has the largest representation with 86 students, and Venezuela is second with 18. China is third with 15. Students come from such widely scattered spots as Syria, England, Iceland, Lebanon, Turkey, the Philippines, Belgium and India.

SCORES PUBLIC ATTITUDE ON TRAFFIC SAFETY

Public indifference toward traffic accidents amounts to a "social disease," says Capt. J. O. Musick of the State Department of Public Safety. Musick declares that the public must become acutely conscious of the waste in traffic accidents before any real improvement can be made. He pointed out that 40,000 lives a year are being snuffed out by accidents on the road, and 90 per cent of those accidents are preventable.

TEXAS GETS HOSPITAL CASH

Texas stands to get the most Federal help in the State-aid hospital building program being discussed by the Federal Hospital Council. A total of $75,000,000 in Federal money will be spent annually, throughout the entire nation, for five years. The States have to match every Federal dollar with two State dollars, making an overall program of one and a quarter billion dollars. Texas' allocation will be $4,800,000, largest of any State.

BEE REMOVER DE LUXE

Harvey Bevers, of San Antonio, is a real estate man who makes a hobby of removing bee-hives from inaccessible places. This year he has specialized in getting the hives out of airshafts of office buildings, attics of houses and the top branches of tall trees. He has devised a special trap for luring the bees away from their hives into a permanent, box-like home. His only reward is to share in the honey when he has found a new home for the bees.

103-YEAR-OLD VET PASSES

Francis Marion Potter, age 103, a veteran of the Confederate Army and the Spanish-American war, died at his home near Brownwood, Brown county, last month. A native of Virginia, Potter was graduated from West Point in 1860. He was an Army officer for 15 years and, granted amnesty after fighting for the Confederacy, he saw much service in the Indian wars. It was said that he killed Chief Rain-in-the-Face, the son of Geronimo, while fighting in Nevada. Potter was also a Baptist minister for more than 50 years.

TEXAN DISCHARGED TWICE

Pvt. Robert E. Kelso, of Houston, is one of the few men to be discharged from the Army twice in the same war while still being ineligible to bear arms. Three years ago he enlisted at the age of 13, saw a year of service in Europe, was wounded twice and won three stars before the Army found out how young he was. He was discharged. Last February, aged 16, he fooled the recruiting officer again and served ten months before discovery. Now the six-foot two-inch youngster declares he will re-enlist the minute he is old enough to serve.

MODERN CHICKEN THIEF

Chicken stealing has gone modern, said Deputy Sheriff Stanley Mahavier, of Houston, when a spraygun filled with chloroform was left behind in a recent raid. He said the thief had evidently sprayed the chloroform through a window, waited for it to take effect, then walked in and off with the benumbed fowls.

U. T. STUDIES ROCKETS

The University of Texas has been authorized an expenditure of $600,000 a year of government funds to conduct research in guided missiles moving faster than sound and the causes of deflection of radar waves. University scientists will also delve into advanced phases of meteorology.

BAPTISTS ELECT PRESIDENT

Texas Baptists elected the Rev. Wallace Bassett, of Dallas, as president at their convention at Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county, last month. Bassett is pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, a position he has held since 1918. He was born in Tennessee, but was ordained in 1905 at Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county. He was pastor there and at Amarillo, Potter county, before going to Dallas.

BUSINESS IS GOOD

There were no business failures in the State of Texas during the month of October and only one during the month of September, according to Dun & Bradstreet. Texas had six business failures during the first 10 months of 1946 and only five during the corresponding period in 1945.

SNAKE OIL REQUEST

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce recently received a request from an out-of-State citizen for information as to how he could acquire some rattlesnake oil. The gentleman had heard an enthusiastic Texan boast of the medicinal properties of "snake oil" and he wanted a bottle for himself.

"IF YOU PLEASE"

"If You Please" is the name of the newest wrinkle in Houston businesses. Operated by two veterans, "If You Please" promises to perform service miracles for Houstonians and will do any odd jobs that their clients find impossible or merely tiresome. Services include finding white shirts, baby-sitting, errands, catering and entertaining, shopping, rapid laundry and cleaning, air line and hotel reservations, and so on. Clients pay a set fee each month and "If You Please" takes care of their daily wants.

VETS WANT BONDS

A Houston chapter of the American Legion has started a movement for a veteran's bonus to be granted former World War II soldiers from Texas. The Houston plan would cost the taxpayers $108,000,000. An effort will be made to pass it through the next Legislature. Every State voting on a bonus during the last year, with the single exception of Maine, has passed a similar plan.

NATIONAL AIR SHOW FOR TEXAS

The National Aircraft Show for 1947 is being planned for Grand Prairie, Dallas county, according to national aviation authorities. Plans call for it being held in the North American aviation building, now being used as warehouses by the War Assets Administration. The show was originally scheduled for Los Angeles, but recent reports say that the Southern California city does not have buildings large enough to house the exhibits.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS URGED

A Statewide uniform traffic code has been urged by the Texas Safety Association and other groups interested in building safer State highways, as a means of preventing accidents on the road. Recommendations also included a substantial increase in the number of traffic patrolmen and an increase in the personnel conducting drivers' license tests. George Clarke, managing director of the Association, says the cost of these improvements would be easily offset by reductions in the accident toll. Highway accidents cost Texas $60,000,000 a year under present conditions. Clarke also pointed out that there are only 243 State traffic policemen in Texas as patrolling the biggest highway system in the country.

RICE GETS GIFT

Rice Institute, at Houston, recently received a gift "in excess of $1,000,000" from Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Weiss. Weiss is president of Humble Oil & Refining Co. and vice-president of the Institute's board of trustees. The gift consists of the income of 30,000 shares of oil stock for 17½ years and will be available for operating expenses.

YOUNG DRIVERS GO TO SCHOOL

The Texas Safety Association reveals that 286 high schools and several junior high schools in the State are now offering driver education and training in their regular curricula. The theory is to teach safe driving habits to the youngsters early before they fall into careless and fatal driving habits on the road.

BUSY MAILMAN

Rudolph A. Sapp, of Marysville, Cooke county, reckons he has traveled 340,000 miles exclusively in his native county while carrying out his duties as rural mail carrier. He operated the 30-mile Delaware Bend route for 20 years and now handles Route 1, Dexter, a 46-mile daily jaunt. "I have traveled a distance equal to 14 times around the world and I have never been out of Cooke county," Sapp says.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT DOWN

Employment in manufacturing industries in Texas slumped slightly during September from an August mark of 315,400 to 311,900. This was a decline of 1 per cent and an overall decline of 2.5 per cent from September, 1945.

FIVE GENERATIONS PRESENT

Five generations were present when Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holterman, of San Marcos, Hayes county, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Fifth generation was represented by Mrs. Holterman's great-great-grandson, Robert Eugene Medlar, Jr. The baby, Robert Eugene, has four living great-grandparents, twelve great-aunts and twelve great-uncles.

TEXAS NAVAL CASUALTIES

Texas suffered a casualty toll of 7,258 in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard during World War II, according to figures recently released by the Navy Department. Of the total, 3,023 died in combat, 84 met death as prisoners of war, 3,884 were wounded and 267 are released POW's. The figures bring the total Lone Star State casualty list in all branches to 23,022. As a State, Texas ranks sixth in Naval casualties. California is first with 14,018.

NEW EDITOR NAMED

Reverend A. E. Hunter has been named new editor of the Southwestern Advocate, a Methodist publication serving Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The appointment was made by Bishop Charles C. Selecman at the 37th annual Northwest Texas Methodist Conference at Pampa, Grey county. Approximately 500 delegates from 225 churches attended the Conference.

WHOOPING COUGH WARNING

Patients suffering from whooping cough should be rigidly insolated in order to prevent spread of the disease, State Health Officer George W. Cox says. The disease can be contracted only by direct exposure, he added. Cox also recommended approved vaccine and convalescent serum to check the illness during the seasonal increase expected this month.

AUSSIES WANT ALAMO STONE

The Australian government has asked the City of San Antonio to give it a small piece of stone from the Alamo, the shrine of Texas independence. The Australians want the stone to go into a massive war memorial commemorating the mutual war efforts of this country and Australia. Stones from famous sites within each of the 48 States are being sought for the monument.

OIL RESERVE AMPLE

The United States still has more than 20 billion barrels of crude oil reserves and 148 trillion feet of natural gas reserves, despite having supplied fuel for the greatest war in history, according to Maston Nixon, natural resources expert, from Corpus Christi, Nueces county. Nixon added that this country is not in any immediate danger of a petroleum shortage.

RETURN OF THE WILD

Wildlife is returning to the Big Bend National Park after many years' absence, Dr. Ross Maxwell, park superintendent, says. Deer were so plentiful this season that they were almost a nuisance and smaller game abounded. Reason is that cattle and goats were cleared out of the park, giving the grass a chance to grow. The grass holds the water and snow and makes the park less arid, and as this goes on, the park becomes more attractive to wild game. Dr. Maxwell said 2,000 people a month visited the park during the summer.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS DIP

Federal internal revenue collections in Texas fell off 4 per cent in September from the amount collected in September, 1945, according to a report by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Collections in September amounted to $112,030,497. Income taxes were $7,000,000 less than in 1945 while the total included under "other" taxes was 18 per cent higher.

BROWNWOOD REBEL FETED

Flags were flown all day at Brownwood, Brown county, when Dr. James Addison Abney, Confederate veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday. Congratulatory telegrams were sent by President Truman, General Wainwright and Admiral Nimitz, and civic rites were organized by City Manager Fred S. Abney, the aged veteran's son. Dr. Abney has lived in Brownwood since 1895 and established the Citizens' National Bank there in 1906.

SCHOOLS TO GET BUILDINGS

Surplus government-owned buildings have been allocated by the Federal Works Agency to four Texas colleges. The buildings are war-constructed and will be transported and re-erected on the various campuses. Texas A. & M. College will get sufficient buildings for classrooms, offices, laboratories, hangars, shops and machine sheds to accommodate 10,084 students, of whom the majority will be veterans. Wharton County Junior College will get buildings to provide for alteration of the gymnasium, together with equipment and classroom furniture to accommodate 400 students. Paris Junior College will receive materials for cafeteria and classrooms, with furniture, to provide for 1,100 students, of whom 850 are veterans. North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, will receive surplus structures to house 400 additional scholars.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

BATTLE FLAG PRESENTED

The battle flag of the U. S. S. Texas was presented to the Texas Memorial Museum of the University of Texas recently by Col. Lewis B. Fuller, Marine Corps hero and director of the Eighth Marine Reserve District. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Fred ("Red") Harris, State Senator-elect from Dallas, accepted the flag on behalf of the State.

A QUESTION OF NAMES

When the War Assets Administration offered Fort Worth citizens "salt water soap" at 12 cents a pound, it found no buyers. Even when the price was cut to 6 cents, the public showed no interest, despite the soap shortage. Then someone in the WAA changed the name to "all-purpose laundry and hard-water soap" (which it is) and raised the price back to 12 cents a pound. The entire supply was sold out in 48 hours.

ENGINEERS SCARCE

A shortage of trained engineers and technicians is slowing down the State's postwar highway construction program. New farm roads will be the hardest hit. Help has been so scarce that engineers have been called from their drafting boards to supervise field work and this has made it impossible to keep up with the $5,000,000 a month schedule. State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer says that the farm-to-market roads, programmed after V-J Day, will suffer most.

GOLDFISH DOCTOR

James D. King, veteran mail carrier of El Paso, has made a useful hobby of doctoring goldfish. He started the hobby 15 years ago when he ran out of bait one day and decided to raise his own. He now has 10,000 goldfish in his backyard plus 10,000 snails and he says, "several miles of worms." His hobby keeps his telephone busy all day answering calls from keepers of ailing fish, and he prescribes proper diet and treatment to all comers. King keeps giant spear plants, star lilies and umbrella plants in his tanks and supplements the fishes' diet with green flies caught in special traps. He also feeds the fish oatmeal and ground shrimp, while the worms get stale bread crumbs.

TO USE CAMP HOOD

Camp Hood, near Temple, Bell county, will soon become one of the major training areas in the nation when the Air Transport Command begins to use it to instruct fliers in the technique of moving entire armies by air. The present landing strips at the camp are inadequate for handling the biggest transports, so strips 7,000 to 8,000 feet long are being constructed. They will be sufficiently wide to handle many planes at one time.

TEXANS LIVE LONG

Texans are remarkably long-lived, according to State Auditor C. H. Cavness. Cavness backed it up by announcing that 1,607 Lone Star State residents are still drawing Confederate pensions. These pensioners were awarded $83,731 during the month of August alone. Oldest pensioner is a 104-year-old widow and the youngster of the lot is a sprightly 70-year-old widow. Youngest pensioned veteran is 96 years old. Cavness said that the first obligation to veterans came in 1881 when the State Legislature made a grant of 1,280 acres of public domain to each disabled veteran or widow who had not remarried. Almost two million acres were given away before the law was repealed two years later.

THE FLOP FAMILY — By SWAN

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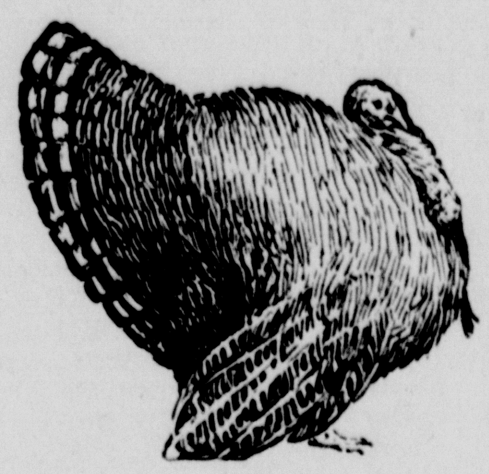
The Texas Turkey Crop

TEXAS this year regained its position as the leading turkey-producing State of the nation, with a total crop of 4,465,950 birds. That is 5 per cent below the 1945 crop, but it is well ahead of California, which last year was the leading turkey-producing State.

In the last 15 years the turkey business in Texas has jumped from an $8,000,000 industry to a $28,000,000 industry—and this despite the fact that the number of birds produced in the State has increased only one and one-half millions.

Quality is the answer to this tremendous increase in value. Behind the jump in dollar sales lies a story of how turkey growers have carried on to improve their flocks and marketing requirements.



Prior to 1933 most producers raised turkeys as a sideline. Few of them bothered to summer-feed their flocks. But in that year the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College succeeded in getting a few growers to adopt the practice of summer-feeding, which proved so profitable that other growers have followed this practice.

In 1937 several turkey growers from the Texas Plains area, accompanied by poultry specialists from the Extension Service, made a trip to the West Coast and came back with new and sound turkey-raising ideas. One of these ideas was raising broadbreasted bronze turkeys. Today some three-fourths of Texas turkeys have broadbreasted bronze bloodlines.

Some years turkey breeders have large flocks, both for breeding and marketing. One of the largest breeders is R. E. Janes, whose farm is near Austin, Travis county. Mr. Janes, an R.O.P. breeder, has some five or six thousand birds on his Bar-Nothing Ranch. Lee & Smith, of Midlothian, Ellis county, have on their farm about three thousand birds this year. Bill Curtis, of Midland, Midland county, this year produced 7,500 turkeys for the commercial market.

Greater interest has been shown this year in medium-sized turkeys for family use. Most Texas turkeys now coming to market are home-produced and of average farm and ranch size. The heavy broadbreasted type, which aroused much interest a year ago, are sold mostly to hotels and restaurants. Housewives are reluctant to buy birds that have been too heavily fed. Ten to 14 pounds is the favorite family size.

The American Turkey Federation explains, however, that large turkeys provide more meat more economically — that half of a 24-pound tom produces 50 per cent more edible meat than a whole 12-pound bird.

Texas and the rest of the country have become turkey-conscious. More and more Texas turkeys are moving into markets of the North and East.

This State is particularly suited to turkey raising because of its nearness to markets as compared with the West Coast breeders and because of its favorable climatic conditions. Incidentally, the hatching phase of the industry is making excellent progress, especially around Brady, Texas. In the last three or four years Texas turkey eggs and turkeys poults have been finding expanding markets in Colorado, Arkansas and Missouri.

The turkey has come a long way from the early 'thirties when its meat was a delicacy placed before the family only once or twice a year. Now turkey meat is served the year round in many homes and public eating places. The turkey remains the traditional bird for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Magic Touch of Christmas

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when the huge Christmas star blazes on South Mountain, sending its light for miles around, Bethlehemites begin a series of house-to-house visits.

In some sections of the Southwest the holiday season is celebrated by drama. Away back in the 16th century Father Diego do Soria came from Spain to be prior of a convent near Mexico City. He had authority to combine the Christian festival with the ancient religious ceremony of the Aztecs honoring the god Huitzilopoztli, held in late December.

Today all over Mexico, New Mexico and wherever Mexicans live there is re-enactment of the nine-day journey of Mary and Joseph seeking a place for the Child to be born. A procession is formed in which each person carries a lighted candle.

In New Mexico an old Nativity play, Los Pastores (The Shepherds) has been given on Christmas Eve since Spanish padres transplanted it here in the early 17th century. Celebrations in these places frequently continue many days as they did in old England. There Christmas was not one holiday, but 12, each with dancing and gaming. A "Master of Merry Disport" was appointed at every nobleman's house as Lord of Misrule. He led the maskers and contrived funny pranks.

Dramatizing Scene of Nativity

In 1223, St. Francis d'Assisi was granted permission to dramatize the scene of the Nativity in a village of Greece to help interpret the Biblical story. Men and women portrayed the Holy Family and the drama was made realistic by live animals and a stable. Monks sang the descriptive carols.

This was the origin not only of Christmas plays but of our Christmas carols.

Somewhat reminiscent of Christmas in old England is the celebration throughout our own Kentucky mountains. Festivities begin on the holiday eve with the hanging of stockings and continue until "Old Christmas" after the custom brought by the early Anglo-Saxon pioneers. Each night young and old follow winding mountain paths from one home to another for the daily frolics.

There always is the fiddler to play for square dances.

But perhaps the most typically American of all our holiday celebrations is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, held almost every Christmas Eve for 59 years in Anson, a small town in the cow country of West Texas. Many descendants of cowboys who came from widely scattered ranches to the first ball at the old Star Hotel in Anson in 1884 to honor rancher Cross P. Charley and his bride never have missed such an occasion.

There the spirit of the old West lives again. Men don the colorful cowboy dress, gay shirts, elaborately decorated boots. "Sage hens" put on full-skirted gingham dresses patterned after those their grandmothers wore. While a cowboy band plays, spirited men and women dance the Varsouvienne, Heel and Toe Polka and other familiar old dances.

Then, as the clock strikes 12, they greet Christmas morning with the American Square Dance.

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Faith and Brotherhood

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of faith in the goodness of God. There really is no other choice.

Power of the Good Spirit

No matter how great an aggregation of military power might be pledged to concerted action, no matter how theoretically fine an organization for international co-operation might be evolved, unless the power of the spirit—which the Christmas season best exemplifies for us—is progressively established on earth, there can be no assurance of permanent peace.

That is the great fact all Americans should now confront.

To be sure, programs will be carried forward to provide the maximum of military defense, in case of need. It will be hoped that such defensive strength will act as a powerful deterrent to aggression. But let us not deceive ourselves. There can be no security merely in a collection of atomic bombs or a military force, whatever its size.

It is hardly likely that any informed persons will really attain great trust in such factors. Rather there is more likelihood that the greater any such unilateral programs among the nations, the greater will be the distrust and fear—and therefore the greater the danger.

In their beginnings the powers of men to destroy were very limited. Until the Second World War these limitations still remained such that it could be hoped that a dominance of power could be built up which would provide control and security. But now the powers of men have been so illimitably extended that the threat of colossal destruction might develop anywhere, at any time.

The mutual danger involved in any use of these new powers will certainly tend to produce a certain restraint, but, unless there are mutual control and co-operation, fear might suddenly break through all restraints.

The only genuine security lies in a spirit of good will and faith that will keep down any temptations to resort to such weapons—a spirit such as that which already makes violence unthinkable in many human relations.

It should not be difficult to see that the only fundamental security in this new world lies in such a spirit. Perhaps it is the specific intent of the evolutionary process that the ultimate choice between cooperation and peace, on the one hand, and violence and utter destruction, on the other, now should be presented to men.

Spirit of Christmas

It is possible, too, that men are readier to turn to the power of the good spirit—of the Christmas Spirit—than most of us are now able to believe. Surely the vast majority of men want a decent spirit and peace in the world.

Surely the overwhelming majority would be ready to put their reliance primarily in that spirit if they felt that enough of the inhabitants of the world would do so at the same time to make it dominant and trustworthy.

How, then, can such a great and controlling concert of the human spirit be established?

Certainly not without a great upwelling of that kindly spirit among individual men everywhere. That is the great job of the Common Man in all nations today—to make his contribution to a mighty upsurge of that spirit. This Christmas presents the summons as never before. Answering it, men could find a new faith in each other and in God.

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Origin of the Christmas Card

It doesn't look 100 years old. Crisply fresh and brightly colored, the Christmas card of this season appears more as if it were celebrating its first birthday. Only its numbers indicate a century of growth. For this year more than 1,000,000,000 Christmas cards will have been mailed in the United States alone.

The senders will have spent some $75,000,000 for these cards. They will have spent another $30,000,000 for the postage stamps that carry them to their destination. Wives will have worried

over forgotten friends or relatives. Husbands will have worried over cards they forgot to mail. And many persons will pause to wonder how the whole thing began.

The honor of originating the first Christmas card goes to an English artist, W. C. Dobson. Just a few days before Christmas in 1845 he was fretting over the problem of writing Yuletide greetings to his close friends. He wasn't a good writer, but he was a good artist, one of Queen Victoria's favorites. As he sat trying to put some appropriate thoughts on paper, he found himself sketching a Christmas scene. Suddenly he paused and smiled. He threw the paper away, took a piece of cardboard about double the size of a postcard and set to work sketching the first Christmas card. It was a picture and a simple greeting, basically the same as cards of today.

The origin of the first Christmas card in the United States is misty. Recently a card lithographed by R. H. Pease of Albany, N. Y., was discovered. Pease was in business in that city from 1834 until 1855. Unfortunately, this early American Yule greeting bears no date.

The first manufacturer of Christmas cards in America was Louis Prang. Having hurriedly left Germany after the Revolution of 1848, this lithographer came to Roxbury, Massachusetts. There in 1874 he made greeting cards for English customers. The following year he turned to the American trade and soon became mildly famous for his production of cards.

Like the English lithographers, Prang invited the best artists of the day to send him drawings for his cards. He offered $2,000 in prizes and the competition stirred so much interest that the designs were displayed throughout the country.

In America, as in England, the habit of sending Christmas cards grew steadily. By 1906 it had become as much a part of the holiday season as carols and holly. Meanwhile the cards themselves had changed many times and in many ways. Often they reflected trends; sometimes they were gaudy. But gradually, during their century of progress, the Christmas cards have grown more conservative and in better taste.

War was reflected in cards even last year for, although hostilities had stopped, the artists had already dipped deeply into the khaki but this year, tranquil scenes depict a Christmas blessed with peace. Stars shine; doves flutter above the bell tower of a church; the Madonna and Child are among the most popular designs. There's a lot of holly and mistletoe, candles and carolers, Santa and snow. And there's a lot of whimsy—a little angel brushing another's wings with a hair brush; two cherubs painting the red stripes on a big candy cane; a boy and girl leaning over the side of a parachute-suspended basket and sprinkling stars below to illustrate the greetings: "Hope Christmas finds you flying high, Your spirit soaring to the sky; And may the days that follow after spill over, too, with joy and laughter." There are cards for friends, for the boss, for grandmother and nephew, from "our house to your house."

SEVEN INVENTIONS OF THE WORLD

Men have listened and argued about the Seven Wonders of the World for more than 21 centuries. Now the Encyclopedia Britannica turns the spotlight on the Seven Inventions of the World. Before you read their choices, take a pencil and list your own to see how they compare. Here are the choices:

Listed as perhaps the most important of all human inventions is the invention-discovery that plants can be grown from seeds. Second in practical importance was the discovery of how to control fire. Third place goes to the invention of pottery which made it possible to cook food.

Fourth on Britannica's list is the invention of writing. Invention of the standards of measurements, weight, time and money is in fifth place. Food canning is sixth and the discovery of the Louis Pasteur germ theory is seventh. We may now add, as No. 8, atomic fission.

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CRICKET TELLS THE TEMPERATURE

Scientists have tested nature's thermometer, the cricket, and report that it is infallible. All one has to do is listen to this insect call out the temperature of the day. By counting the number of chirps a cricket makes in 14 seconds, and adding 40 to that number, you find the correct temperature. Science claims that tests proved it is possible to get the correct temperature within one degree 75 per cent of the time, and within two degrees 90 per cent of the time.

Salt in the oven under baking tins will prevent their scorching on the bottom.

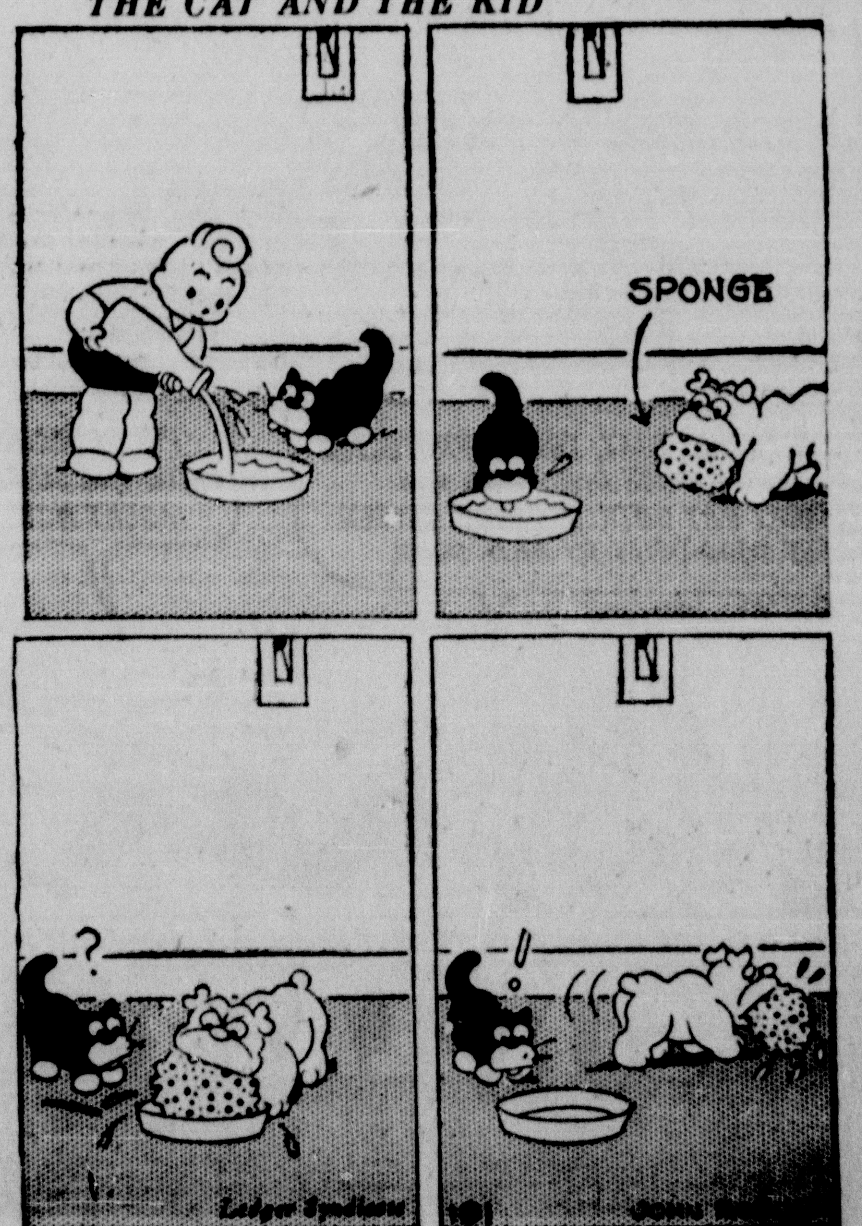
HOW LONG IS A FOOT?

If you ever want to read a shoe size from the numbers printed on the inside of your shoe, here's the trick: The width is indicated by the first number, the length by the following two or three numbers. For instance, size 485 is 8½D. The first figure "four" stands for the fourth letter in the alphabet, which is "D;" the 85 indicates that the length is 8½. A five as the last figure always denotes a half size; an "0" as the last figure a full size.

For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. Luke 6:44.

THE CAT AND THE KID

By John Rosol



Texas Farm News

The Texas cedar brakes country with its 3,000,000 acres of mountain cedar is in the midst of a great boom by selling of cedar posts.

Advance Mischief III, owned by R. A. Herbert, of Sonora, Sutton county, was named grand champion bull of the International Polled Hereford Show held at Louisiana State University recently.

W. L. McGinley, of Dallas, recently bought 2,645 acres of ranchland from Carl Kroll, Jr., of Harper, Gillespie county, for $105,000. This was the largest land deal in the history of the county. Kroll sold McGinley some other land previously and the total topped the $173,000 mark.

Owners of approximately 800 cows signed up for the artificial breeding course at Denton. They plan to form an artificial insemination association in Denton county under the leadership of W C. Potter, chairman of the general dairy committee.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture claims that Texas will produce its second largest crop of alfalfa seed in history this year. The crop will be 38,000 bushels. Highest ever was 1945 with 68,000 bushels. Sudan grass seed crop will be lowest in history, however.

On December 2 at Chicago 10-year-old Duane Boenig, of Bexar county, Texas, was one of four first-place winners of the Thomas E. Wilson meat animal contest, which brought the youngster a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress and a $200 college scholarship. At the Houston Livestock Show in 1945 he was the first exhibitor to win all the Duroc awards. Nineteen of his twenty-four pigs brought him $2,429 and he took the top five home with him. His younger sister, Evangeline, became the State's 4-H girls' achievement winner, and his mother is well known for her home demonstration work.

Texas dairymen who are cross-breeding their dairy cows with beef sires are killing their chances for improving their herds, G. G. Gibson, dairy husbandman of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service, says. A cross-bred calf is worth more for beef than a straight bred calf, but the deal is not so good as it sounds. It takes plenty of feed to make a cross-bred calf weigh 400 pounds at six months, and whole milk makes up a good share of that feed. But, Gibson continues, the real danger is that it cuts out herd replacements. Replacements are hard to find, and the dairyman who cross-breeds to excess ends up milking a herd of scrub cows.

When the treasury of the Kermit Girls' 4-H Club of Winkler county needs funds the members don't solicit money; they earn it. Recently the members organized a "hobo day," and one morning went forth among Kermit's housewives in groups of three and four to offer their services for hire. Some cleaned house while others washed windows, dried dishes or performed whatever type of work was offered. Pooling earnings at noon they counted $12, says County Home Demonstration Agent Bertha J. Brown.

Texas farming went well into the billion-dollar-business class during the first ten months of 1946, figures announced by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research showed. The bureau reported Texas farmers took in approximately $1,018,980,000 this year through October, as compared with $915,047,000 for the corresponding ten months of 1945. The difference represented a gain of 11 per cent or $8,611,000 a month thus far this year.

Hubam clover seed returns will net Ellis county farmers a quarter of a million dollars this year, W. M. Love, county agent, says. Four major companies have purchased 1,650,414 pounds of the seed and other companies have bought 300,000 pounds in addition.

Young Brady Lee Koon, of Brashear, Hopkins county, was named "outstanding farmer of the South" recently at the convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo.

Sulfonamides show promise of killing the bacteria which cause Bangs disease in cattle and undulant fever in human beings, according to Dr. V. T. Schuhardt, University of Texas bacteriologist. Talking at the International American Congress on Brucellosis at Mexico City, Dr. Schuhardt said that sulfapyridine is the most effective of the eight sulfonamides he has used, but he added that treatment was still in experimental stage.

A plan for increasing Cherokee county's farm income to replace cash lost in the dwindling cotton crop is being arranged by the Cherokee County Agricultural Workers Association. A survey has determined that crops most suitable for production in the county include feed grains, timber and forestry, sweet potatoes, peppers, poultry.

4-H'ers, like other folks, sometimes find themselves in a tough spot. Take for example Betty Jo Guiglardi, member of the Fort Hancock Community 4-H Club of Hudspeth county. She fed a calf to compete at the Texas State Fair, but when the premium list came out there was no class she could enter. Not discouraged, she entered it at the American Royal in Kansas City, but here she met more hard luck. Her calf was one pound overweight for the small class, but, undaunted, she took her chances in the heavy class and placed 12th. Here, however, her fortunes began to mend, for her 941 pound steer sold for $1.42 a pound with a gross return of $1,336.22, or a net profit of $636.22 after deducting feeding expense, fees and other costs. County Agricultural Agent C. M. Knight says that Betty Jo has been feeding calves for three years and has won "creditable places" at local and regional shows.

Engineers of International Harvester, with assistance of technicians of Texas A. & M. College, are perfecting a mechanical cotton harvester of the stripper type adapted to Texas conditions. Harvesting cotton on the High Plains of the Panhandle, where the labor shortage is usually acute, is likely to depend ultimately on a simple stripper machine which gathers all the bolly cotton on the cotton plant after frost has opened the bolls.

Texans who wish to make experimental plantings of cork oak may obtain acorns free in lots of fifty from the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, College Station, D. A. Anderson, chief of forestry research, announced. Plantings should be made about Jan. 15, 1947. The Texas Forest Service, upon receipt of a postcard or letter, will mail the acorns postpaid along with planting instructions in mid-January. More than 60 per cent of the world output of cork is used in the United States. This comes from the Mediterranean Coastal area.

Margaret Filip, of El Campo, Wharton county, recently was awarded a $35 cash award from the Texas Seedsmen Association for winning the State 4-H Club Home Garden contest. In another 4-H Club garden contest, sponsored by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, eight winners were announced. They were Henry Neil Scacht, of Lockney, Floyd county; Margaret Filip and Jack Moreman, of Brice, Hall county; Josie Slaughter, of Marshall, Harrison county; Lois Wilson, of Levelland, Cochran county; Peggy Jo Irby, of Mt. Enterprise, Rusk county; Martha Gould, of Longview, Gregg county, and Frances Oleta Weaver, of Campbell, Hunt county. All received $25 bonds.

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The completed work of the 450 members of Cameron County Girls' 4-H Clubs through October adds up to noteworthy totals. According to Assistant Home Demonstration Agent Ruth F. Smith, the club members made 375 dresses, 70 blouses, 65 skirts, 400 play suits, 67 hat racks, 75 shoe racks, 37 shoe bags, and 25 laundry bags. In addition, the girls canned 2,300 quarts of food; prepared 1,500 containers of frozen food; set out 1,500 shrubs and 250 trees; made 30 lawn chairs and eight walks, and started 25 lawns.

There are more coyotes per square mile in South Texas than anywhere else in the nation, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Of the 117,000 predatory animals killed in all Western States during the last fiscal year, 26,000 were killed in Texas, and 24,000 were coyotes. Coyotes have been driven away from most sheep areas, however. The service adds that wolves in Texas are now showing cannibalistic tendencies and are feeding on cubs caught in traps.

More than 100,000 Texas 4-H Club boys and girls were honored during the recent National 4-H Achievement Week. As part of their achievement this year, the 101,396 members canned over a million and a half quarts of food, served 1,152,000 meals, made more than 150,000 garments, redecorated 7,440 bedrooms, and raised more than 40,000 acres of field crops, 750,000 chickens, 50,000 head of livestock, sold 5,260,000 pounds of beef and pork, and collected 1,500,000 pounds of scrap metal.

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Assistant County Agricultural Agent C. T. Parker, Jr., points with pride to a poultry demonstration by one of his Guadalupe County 4-H Club boys. With about 100 laying hens in his flock, Edwin H. Bading, 13, received a gross income of $606.60 in the year ending Sept. 30. All of the income was from the sale of eggs excepting $71.18 received for fryers disposed of before the first of the year. According to carefully kept records, expenses in the 12 months totalled $391.36, leaving a profit of $215.44. Parker said that "any grown man could be proud" of this record.

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"Dairy cows will do their part if the dairyman does his," G. G. Gibson, Texas A. & M. College Extension Service dairyman, says. Gibson claims production depends on natural ability and opportunity. The dairyman must keep the right balance of feed nutrients, and if he does so the cow will meet him half way. Gibson added that roughage is still the backbone of any dairy ration and that all rules will fail when the roughage supply is limited and the supply poor. He claims an average Jersey cow producing three gallons of milk a day needs 18 pounds of good hay and nine pounds of suitable concentrates.

The sweet potato acreage goal for Texas next year has been set at 65,000 acres.

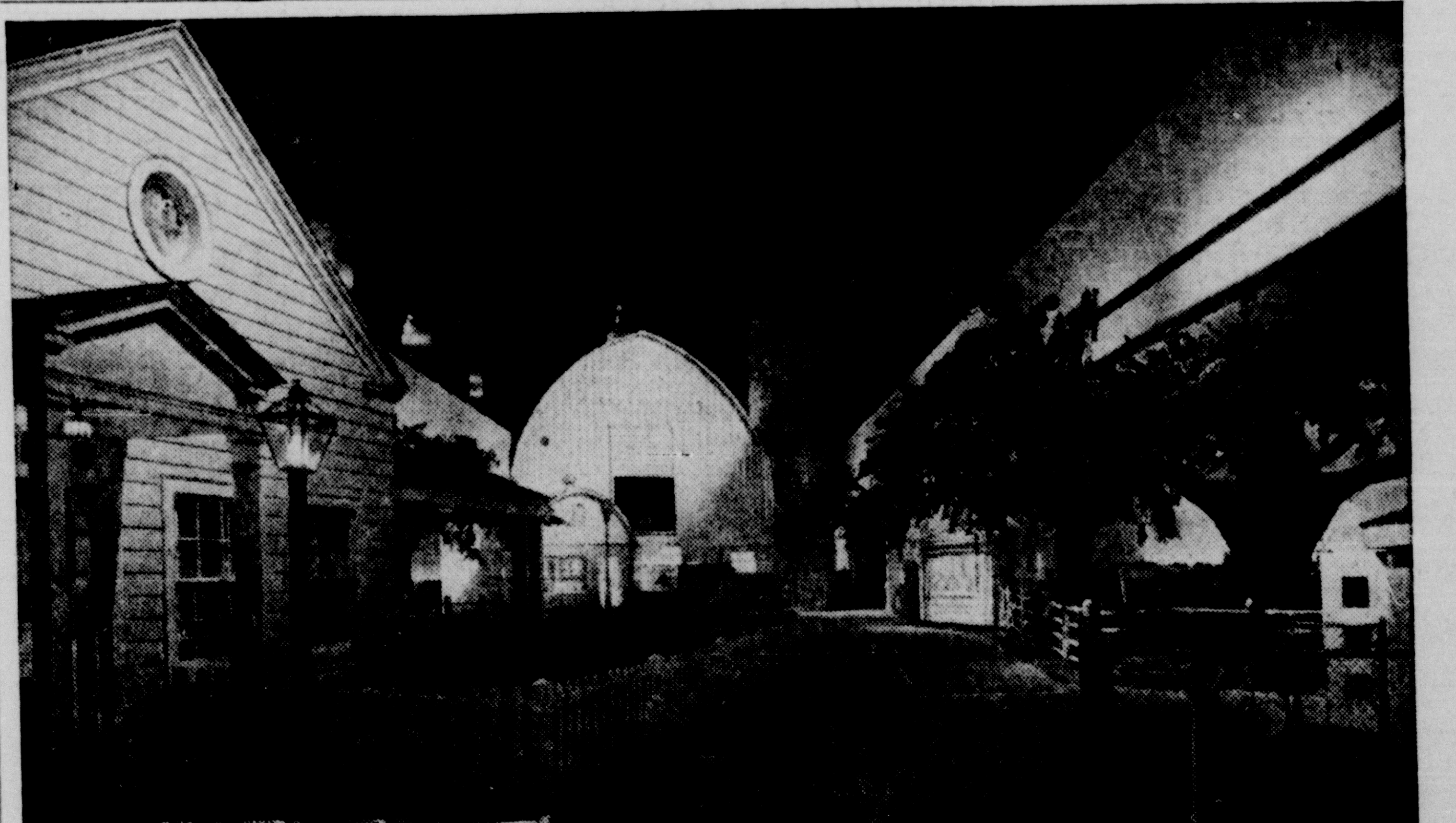
Texas hunters are really going to town this autumn, and hunting is bringing money to agricultural landowners. Last year approximately $875,000 was received by farmers and ranchmen for hunting and fishing leases and there has been an estimated 25 per cent increase this fall. Early autumn rains over the State have improved the range and tempted wildlife to stay around.

Farmers in the United States spent about $4,300,000 for the operation and maintenance of power and machinery during 1945.

Top of the seventh annual West Texas Hereford Association sale last month was Sweet Sue 12th, sold by Mrs. Day Young Morgan, of Hamlin, Jones-Fisher counties, to Dr. T. D. Young, of Roscoe, Nolan county, for $1,500. Sweet Sue 12th, a heifer, was top female of the show. Top bull was Molder 1212th, sold for $765 by Hardy Griscom, of Abilene, Taylor county, to F. W. Moore, of Clifton, Bosque county.

Turkey meat consumption is becoming less seasonal, according to Texas A. & M. statisticians. An increasing amount of gobblers are being consumed during the "off" months, from February to August.

The U. S. Weather Bureau will soon give Rio Grande Valley farmers weather forecasts 72 hours in advance. Four additional thermometer substations are being installed to register moisture content for obtaining data on relative humidity and eight new rain gauges are to be distributed from Eagle Pass, Maverick county, to Brownsville, Cameron county. A daily weather map of the region will also be available.



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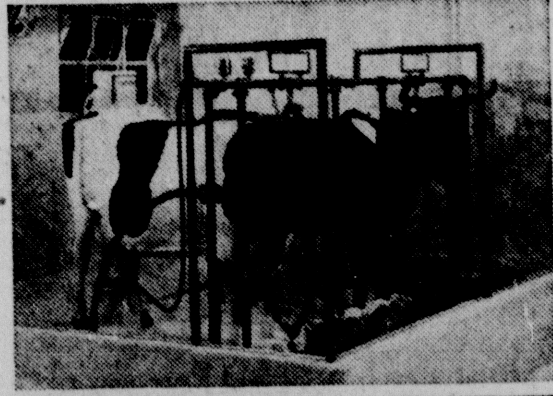

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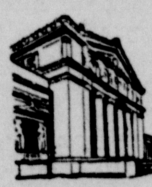

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THAT COMPLETELY MODERN, mechanized farm you've always wanted to inspect at close range is now on year-round view in Chicago... *indoors,* where the summer sun shines every day! It's "Harvester Farm," constructed by International Harvester as a permanent exhibit of the Museum of Science and Industry.

There's inspiration for farm wives inside the charming Colonial farmhouse. Designed from the expressed preferences of farm families throughout the country, this house has a neat, efficient kitchen with every modern convenience, including the latest type of home refrigeration.

At the end of the walk is the big white barn that houses the five most productive breeds of dairy cattle. In the spic-and-span milk house every milk-handling operation is done with sanitary, labor-saving equipment. Other farm buildings—workshop, brooder house, forge, etc.—are found on "Harvester Farm" just the way you'd like them on your place.

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HOW SANTA CLAUS CAME TO AMERICA

(Condensed from Popular Magazine)

Rev. Clement Clarke Moore, a New York City minister, dashed off in an hour of Yuletide inspiration on December 24, 1822, the set of verses that brought Santa Claus to America—the "Night Before Christmas."

These magic lines, which every child knows, were not copyrighted and never brought Moore a penny. And he almost failed to gain fame as their author because for twenty-two years he would not permit his name to appear with the verses for fear that people would consider him frivolous.

On that snowy day before Christmas in 1822, Moore had been shopping for a turkey to complete a gift basket for a poor family belonging to his church. As dusk settled, he encountered a friend, old Jan Duychinck, chubby, jolly and Dutch, with rosy dimpled cheeks and a full white beard from which a stump of a pipe stuck out.

For years Duychinck had fascinated Moore with legends of Saint Nicholas, a bishop of the early Christian church and patron saint of all good Dutch children. This Christmas Eve, Moore listened again to the tales of the miraculous powers of Santa Claus — as the Dutch youngsters called him — and of his love for children, whose good deeds he rewarded with gifts at Christmas.

It was dark when Moore headed home through the raw cold wind blowing from the Hudson river. Stimulated by the old Dutchman's yarns, his imagination saw racing across the starlit sky a miniature sleigh heaped with toys and drawn by eight tiny reindeer. The driver, a fat, ruddy-faced old fellow that Moore knew instantly was Santa Claus, curled his long whip over the reindeer and shouted their names into the north wind:

"Now, Dasher!
Now, Dancer!
Now, Prancer
and Nixon!
On, Comet!
On, Cupid,
On, Donder and
Blitzen!"

A swirl of snow obscured the vision. Moore hurried home filled with thoughts of Christmas, of his children, and of Jan Duychinck's stories of Saint Nicholas. He went straight to his study. Unaware that he was penning lines that would delight millions of children for many years to come, he started to write:

"'Twas the night before Christmas, and
all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a
mouse . . ."

And in the description of the driver of the sleigh, old Jan Duychinck became the poetic incarnation of Santa Claus.

After dinner that evening, Moore surrounded himself with his children and read them the lines he had written. Their close attention and their spontaneous applause left no doubt as to the poem's appeal.

But when this was done the author was satisfied. He had written the poem solely for his own children and not at all for publication. To him at that time it was unthinkable that he should publicly acknowledge authorship, or seek publication, of such verse. His position, his scholarship, in fact everything about him, opposed it. Having pleased his children, Moore was satisfied to forget all about the verses. But as sometimes happens in such cases fate had other plans.

What happened was this: Moore filed the poem with some other papers and promptly put it out of his mind. Later in the New Year — that is, 1823 — the Moores were visited by a relative from Troy, New York. The children soon told of the verse their father had written for them the previous Christmas, and so enthusiastic were they that the visitor finally prevailed upon Moore to make a copy of it.

It then dropped out of sight until the fateful Christmas of 1823. Then through the mails one day Moore received a copy of the Troy Sentinel for December 23. The good scholar, sitting before the fire, was leafing through the newspaper casually when, to his astonishment, he found, unsigned, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," published in full, down to the last word and the last comma as he had written it!

Just the thing he had wanted to avoid had happened. But even more was to happen. No sooner had the Sentinel reached its subscribers and its "exchanges" than the editor was certain he had printed no ordinary poem. He was literally deluged with requests for permission to reprint and to give the name of the author. The poem had been sent to the Sentinel by the relative for whom Moore had made the copy some months before. To that family the editor appealed for the name of the author. The appeal was answered since it was not known that Moore had such strenuous objections.

By that time the "damage" was done, Moore was famous — and it was the kind of fame he didn't want. Everywhere he was pointed out as the author of "The Night Before Christmas" and not as the author of weighty treatises and discourses on the ancient world. Not that Moore was ashamed of his poem. He favored it himself. But it just went against the grain that a man of his scholarship should become a national figure because of what he then considered a "mere frivolity."

But finally he became reconciled, and later even wrote and dedicated a slim volume of poems to the children of the land.

Moore was born July 15, 1779, and died July 10, 1862.

Each year at the Christmas season, several thousand school children visit the monument of Moore in New York and participate in memorial services. Also services have been held on the exact spot where Moore's home stood.

The children of America have cherished well the fame of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and have not allowed the name of its author to be forgotten. Moore has found a sure immortality far removed from the realms of classical erudition. It rests rather upon the firmer ground of childhood's heart, upon the swinging cadence of a line which rings out: *"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!"*

VIRGINIA STILL BELIEVER IN SANTA CLAUS

Forty-nine years ago, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a plaintive, wondering letter to the New York Sun: "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Eight-year-old Virginia's pleas elicited one of the most touching and widely-known editorials in the history of American journalism — the classic "Is There a Santa Claus?" which appeared in the Sun in 1897.

Today she still believes Christmas time and Santa Claus are among her most precious possessions.

Virginia is now Mrs. Edward Douglas, assistant principal of Public School 31 in New York City. She still receives letters regularly from points all over the United States concerning the famous editorial, which was written by Francis P. Church of the Sun, and which now is reprinted in the paper every year at Christmas.

Her letter to the Sun in 1897 read like this:

"Dear Editor — I am eight years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says 'if you see it in the Sun, it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

In the editorial, Church replied:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

(Continued top next column)

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

"Father saw the editorial first," Mrs. Douglas recalled. "He was delighted and brought it right home to me. It's hard to say exactly what my feelings were, but I was overwhelmed with conviction.

This Christmas, Mrs. Douglas plans to take her grandson, James Harriott Temple, 7, to see Santa Claus.

"He's the greatest devotee of Santa Claus in the world," she said. "He's coming to New York from Albany to see him. He hasn't seen the editorial yet — he has no doubts about Santa."

Mrs. Douglas' own daughter, Mrs. Laura Virginia Temple, was read the editorial by Mrs. Douglas' father when she reached the "skeptical age."

"Alas!" said the editorial. "How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! Almost as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

"There is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

And 49 years later, does Virginia still believe in Santa Claus?

"Oh, more than ever, more than ever," she said fervently.

HOW TO TREAT BURNS

What is the best treatment for a burn? The Chinese swear by tea. U. S. doctors, who have argued loudly about the subject for more than 20 years, have tried a vast variety of applications, including tannic acid (a component of tea), silver nitrate, hormone ointment, triple aniline dyes, sulphur water, cold water, ice, and a concoction of paraffin wax, sulfanilamide, menthol, camphor, vaseline and cold liver oil, the whole topped off by oil of eucalyptus to kill the smell.

Recently one of the leading authorities on burns poured all these down the drain and reported that burns specialists now agree on much simpler methods. His recommendation: just wrap up the patient, feed him well and let him heal.

The new treatment brings together what has been learned from such disasters as Boston's 1942 Cocoanut Grove fire and from wartime experience with men burned aboard ships and planes.

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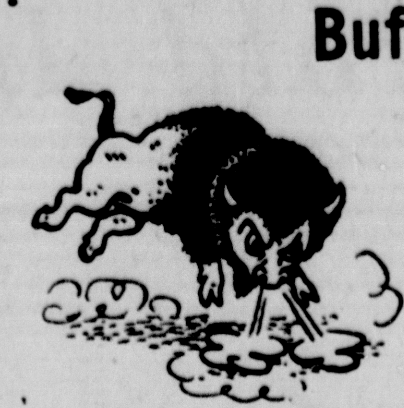

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MR. CHRISTMAS LIVES IN TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS

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Santa Claus residents, who would like to see business boom in their hamlet of seventy-odd souls, are telling neighboring communities, "Now we'll have Christmas every day in Santa Claus."

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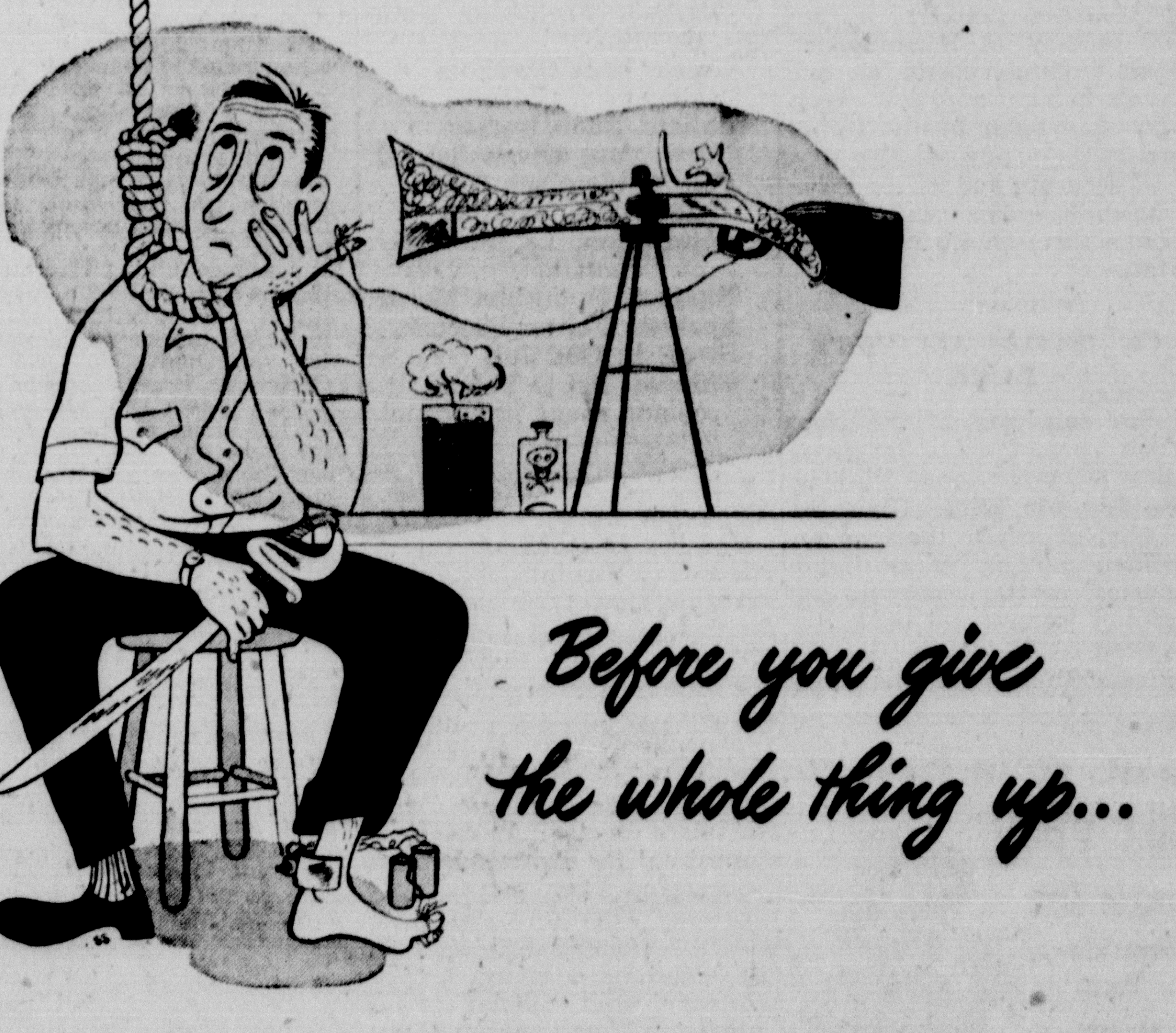

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Christmas candles today are vastly different from those used years ago, in the days of the Pilgrims. At that time, each householder made his own. He simply dipped a long wick into a pot of hot tallow, drew it out to cool and harden. He dipped it into the melted wax again and again in this same way, and his finished candles were thick, plain, and practical.

Today, in this same Pilgrim-settled country, a candle factory at Hyannisport, Mass.—which began as one man's hobby some few years ago—has been busily filling orders for fancy candles that will decorate and light festive Christmas trees in millions of homes throughout the United States.

CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR LONG

For employes of the New York postoffice Christmas lasts all year long. Playing stand-in for Santa Claus in a city of more than seven million persons is no lighthearted matter, and to get holiday letters and packages to their recipients on time requires the careful planning, the timing and strategy of a major military campaign.

To prepare for Christmas, 1946—which, incidentally, is expected to be the biggest peacetime Yule in the history of "U. S. Mail"—the New York postoffice has been diligently at work since Christmas, 1945. "Immediately after each Christmas season," Postmaster Albert Goldman says, "a study is made of the work performed during the holidays and preparations are begun to take care of the Christmas mail in the coming year. This year we had to take special cognizance of the fact that, though the war was out of the way, we would still have 1,500,000 men and women in the armed forces scattered throughout the various occupation zones."

Relief for the postal people comes about 48 hours before St. Nick himself takes over. The surging tide of humanity before the stamp and parcel post windows begins gradually to subside.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Candles have long been significant in Christmas decorations. In the Latin Church Christmas was called "The Feast of Lights." Candle lighting naturally followed the Yule-log light. Lighting candles is a custom common in many countries, but traditionally it is associated especially with Ireland. Much of Ireland is desolate country with few towns, and the Irish have long had the custom of placing lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve, as a guide and an invitation to all who, like Mary and Joseph, are seeking lodgings for the night.

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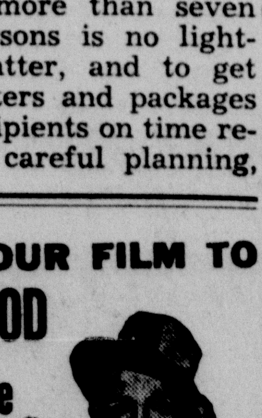

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Household Helps

By MARGARET MOORE

LITTLE TOUCHES WILL ADD TO HOUSE AT HOLIDAY TIME

Here we are again, at holiday time and it's plenty of work we have to do in order to get the house and the household in fine fettle for the great day. If the house is kept in good running order and repair through the year, the task is comparatively simple.

Then it becomes merely a matter of setting the place to rights, adding brightening touches, getting the extra room ready if there are to be house guests, and adding little extras if necessary, advises Eleanor Ross, well known writer and home decorator.

Usually, though, it's those "little touches" that create the most work and often prove the undoing of an otherwise well-worked-out schedule. At the last moment, so many of us become obsessed with the notion that there must be another lamp or an extra little table or some more sofa cushions, and out we dash in search of same.

Last moment shopping, whether it be for a frock or for furniture, is invariably a failure, and at this time of year, it's positively foolish. And if you've gotten along for some time without that extra lamp, table or chair, well, just make the best of it through the holidays, and postpone the shopping.

Of course, if any special item is really required to make your house guests comfortable, then that is another matter. But if you can improvise, do so, even if it means borrowing something from your own room or another room in the house. Before guests arrive, their room should be in good order. Stock up with paper tissues, pins, bobby pins, small jars of cleansing cream, hand mirror, writing paper, hangers in the closet, current magazines, an extra blanket where it can be readily found.

Put fresh bulbs in the lamps, and see that bureau drawers are freshly lined. If there is an attached bathroom, see to it that there is an adequate supply of towels, bath soap and hand soap. See to it that the bed is well made and that there is an extra pillow. In your livingroom, arrange furniture so that there are pleasant groupings complete with lamp, comfy chairs, small tables and plenty of ash trays.

In the kitchen, see that the range is in good working order, and that all the kitchen utensils and equipment that you may need are present, in good order and accounted for. Do as much shopping as possible ahead of time, so that only perishable foods have to be bought the day before. Make out lists after going over your pantry shelves thoroughly, and see that your emergency shelf is well stocked, just in case!

CHRISTMAS IS GLORIFICATION OF FAMILY LIFE

By GLADYS HUNTINGTON BEVANS
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Here are some Christmas thoughts I'd like to pass on to you. They're not exactly in a sequence or even logically connected except that they're all strung on the thread of Christmas.

One of the things I like best about Christmas is its eternal unchangingness. Christmas doesn't know that this is a post-war era and that strife and chaos still go on. It isn't affected by the "rapidly changing world" — a world of flux and uncertainty and insecurity. The thing that makes Christmas Christmas can't ever change or die.

In a thousand ways ours is a changing world. But the beauty of Christmas makes you realize how many things there are which are solid and reassuring — things which never will be stamped out, like love. Love of all kinds: love of man and woman for each other, love of mother for child, love of one's fellow man, and love of music and all other forms of beauty.

Another of the things I like about Christmas is that it is so comfortingly stable. It always swings around and with it always comes the whole tide of Christmas feeling. It takes possession of the Christian world.

Another thing I like about Christmas is that it's so real. It's infinitely more real (as so many spiritual things are) than any material object or happening you could lay your hands on. No one can ignore Christmas. It gets you and gets at you.

And it's so genuine and really selfless. Giving is its essence — doing something for some one else. Of course there always are those who use the day for social or other superficial purposes, and who indulge in orgies of shopping. But most Christmas doing, giving, and celebrating is spontaneous, warm, and real.

And still another thing I like about Christmas is that nobody can have a corner on it. Christmas is for high and low, rich and poor. The sophisticated, the hard boiled, the unsentimental, the worldly — Christmas lays them all low. People simply do succumb to the Christmas spirit. It is quite a leveler; it is no respecter of persons. While its origin is simple and humble, still it is so big it has pervaded civilization and the world, as symbolized (in a sense) by the adoration of the wise and rich Men of the East, as well as that of the poorest shepherds.

Too, it glorifies the home. The first Christmas is indissolubly associated in our minds with Father, Mother, and Child — the family.

We who are parents and those of us who have the still wider perspective which comes from having the babies of our own children about us worry a lot about the world these little ones and older boys and girls are to inherit. We surely have reason to be concerned and reasons for doing something about it.

But if family life can remain warm, beautiful and truly democratic and if Christmas can continue to be observed in spirit as well as in fact (and it still is), perhaps there is more hope for the survival of the finest and best in America than our misgivings on this second Christmas after victory would lead us to look for. Perhaps the world, about which many of us are so disturbed, is not so fundamentally shifting and changing as we fear, in those lands which can continue to give themselves, as they have for so many centuries, so fully to Christmas and the Christmas spirit.

The undyingness which we are witness to, even today, of so many worthwhile aspirations and ideals should give us hope and courage for the years ahead and for the kind of world our children are to inhabit. So let us give Christmas a chance to lift up our spirits.

TAKE TIME TO PRETTY UP FOR CHRISTMAS

By BETTINA BEDWELL

Many of us at this stage of our Christmas preparations are about dead, and have at least a million more things we think we have to do, gifts to buy, final preparations, and so forth.

Not a few of us, if we don't do it now, are going to meet Christmas in a very sad state of personal unattractiveness. This is a shame, and no woman ought to let it happen. Every one of us ought to have a pretty dress to wear, one that looks fresh and charming, and there isn't any duty more important than to get that dress ready.

We have to get our persons shined up, too, and get ourselves in a spirit that is a beautiful necessity if Christmas is going to be a real Christmas. Tired, cross, discontented-looking women can wreck the finest Christmas ever prepared.

CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Cranberries

Cranberries call for sugar just as surely as bread demands butter and vanilla ice cream asks for chocolate sauce. This year, unfortunately, though the cranberry crop is a bumper one, sugar is as short as it's ever been.

What can the housewife do about it?

For one thing, she can employ citrus marmalade or fruit jelly as the sweetening in a completely no-sugar sauce. Like this:

No-Sugar Cranberry Sauce

½ cup citrus marmalade or fruit jelly
½ cup corn syrup
½ cup water
2 cups cranberries.

Boil together marmalade or jelly, corn syrup and water for five minutes. Add berries and boil without stirring till all the skins pop open (five minutes are usually sufficient). Remove from fire and allow the sauce to remain in saucepan until cool. Yield: 1 pint.

Then there is a low-sugar, rather than no-sugar, sauce that may be made with honey, which one will probably find more readily at the grocer's than corn syrup. This is it:

Honey Cranberry Sauce

½ cup sugar
¼ cup honey
1 cup water less one tablespoon
2 cups cranberries.

Boil sugar, honey and water together five minutes, then add cranberries and proceed as in first recipe.

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Cranberry and Turkey Sandwiches

2 cups diced cooked turkey
2 cups gravy or white sauce
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 tablespoon onion juice
1 tablespoon minced pimiento
12 slices buttered toast
6 slices jellied cranberry sauce
Extra parsley or water cress.

Combine the turkey, gravy, parsley, onion and pimiento. Heat to bubbling.
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Yule Salads in Colors Easy to Fix

Your Christmas salad needn't be red and green just because these are the colors of Christmas. But if you like red and green Christmas salads, there are plenty of naturally red and green fruits and vegetables from which to make a selection.

Sliced tomatoes on watercress, marinated beet slices on chopped spinach, jellied cranberry molds on watercress, lettuce, or other greens, individual tomato aspic rings on the grassiest of greens, halves of avocado with cranberry fruit salad dressing; there are a few ideas for holiday greens and reds.

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Fruit Cake Idea

A forgotten and neglected chunk of fruit cake or plum pudding can be turned into a really special dessert, with no trouble at all. Put the piece in a double boiler, douse it liberally with port, sherry or some other dessert wine. Cover and heat over hot water 40 to 60 minutes or longer, depending on the piece. Serve hot, with hard sauce.

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Fruit Puff Pudding

2 tbsp. butter or other fat
2 tbsp. sugar
1 egg well beaten
½ c. molasses
1¼ c. sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
¼ tsp. salt
½ c. bran
½ c. boiling water
½ c. seedless raisins
½ c. currants

Blend butter and sugar thoroughly, add egg and beat well. Stir in molasses. Sift flour, measure and sift again with salt and soda. Mix with bran and add to first mixture alternately with boiling water. Stir in raisins and currants.

Pour batter into greased one-quart mold, cover tightly and steam about 1½ hours. Serve with whipped cream. Serves 6.

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Raisin Honey Pound Cake

1 c. raisins
1 c. butter or other fat
1 c. honey
4 eggs
3 c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. lemon extract
¾ c. chopped walnut meats

Rinse raisins, dry on a towel and slice or chop fine. Cream butter, add honey and cream thoroughly; add beaten eggs and blend. Sift flour, measure and sift again with baking powder and salt, then add and heat. Add flavoring, raisins and nuts and stir to blend.

Pour into wax paper-lined loaf pan (about 5½x10x3 in.) and bake in a slow oven (300 deg. F.) about two hours or until done.

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Spicy Fig Pudding Cake

8 to 10 dried figs
¼ cup shortening
½ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons milk or water
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sifted flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ cup chopped walnuts

Cover figs with boiling water and let stand 10 minutes; drain, snip off stems, then cut coarsely, using scissors. Cream shortening with sugar and spices until light and fluffy. Add beaten egg, milk or water, add vanilla, then stir in flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Add nuts and figs and bake in a greased 8-inch square pan in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 30 minutes, until done. Cut in oblongs.

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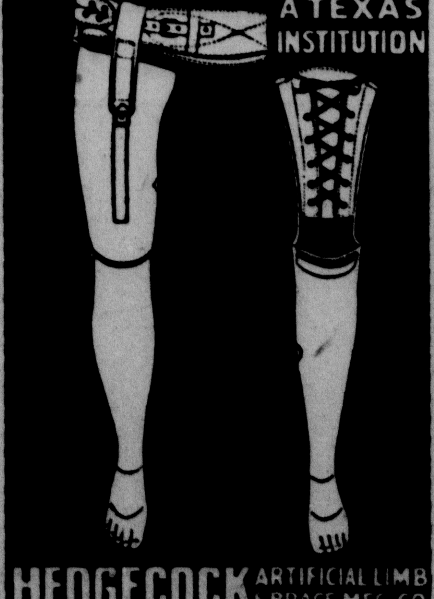

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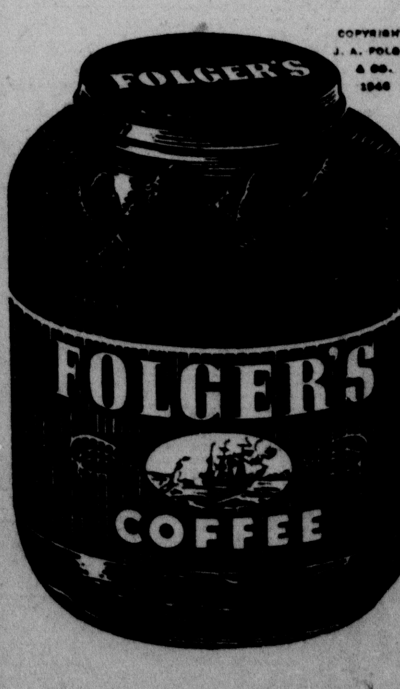

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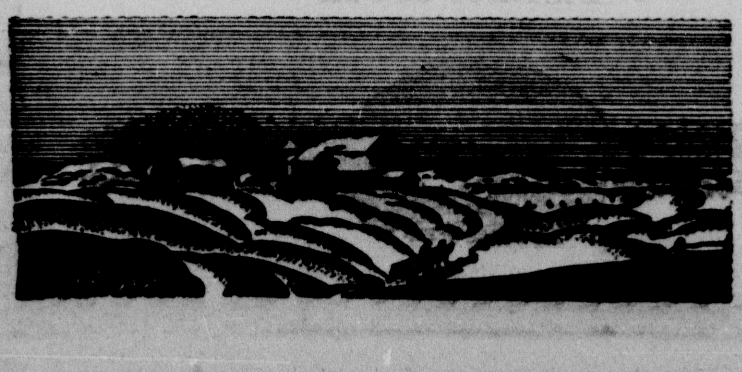
CHRISTMAS

By J. B. WHITE, Editor and Publisher

If Christmas does nothing more than turn the wistful eyes and hearts of men from mad pursuits today, wherever Destiny finds them, plodding along the Camel Roads where the Wise Men rode that night when the Desert Star pointed the way to the Manger of Humility; on the Prairie or in Ships at Sea; in War's halocust that robs them of sanity; in Regions of Silence where the treasure of Eloquence is garnered; in the crowded places where the savagery of industrial conquest blinds them to the store house of Good Will from which we draw Life's greatest riches —it has forever made plain the way out to Romantic, if Portentous Adventure.

If Life be a Journey then Christmas is the Road to Discovery. Its course leads to many stations and the most hopeful is Christmas. The Spirit descends upon us to save us from ourselves.

The arresting simplicity of Christmas when all Men are become as Happy Children with the delight of laughter, through every age in which we have worshipped the Birth of Revelation, is the Miracle by which we recapture Imagination and Belief. It is the flowering anew of Childhood's simple Faith. The radiance of Innocence covers the Earth.



If within us we have nurtured greed and become selfish; if disappointments have made our hearts heavy and too much work and worry have dulled the mentality, or if our ego, prompted by our yearnings, destroys our concern for others, it is but the instant of Time under the light of that Star which is Hope, that leads every man to the Cradle of his better self, so that faith in our kind is rekindled.

Somewhere in the Heavens tonight a Star is shining brightly, renewing at Christmas, be it allegory or circumstance, the urge to follow as did the Wise Men who came out of strange lands beyond the Jordan. The grandeur of Heavens bursting with Melody fits well into the picture of the Legend, for after all what could express more forceful the Happiness of such Discovery. In the Miracle of Christmas Eve we may envision that wonder too, for the mystery and hopeful beauty of life is encompassed in a Manger and throbs like Music in the innocent eyes of a Baby.

O Wise and Strong, how strange you are,
Who weigh the wind and plumb the star,
To sheathe your minds and make a king
Of such a small and helpless thing.

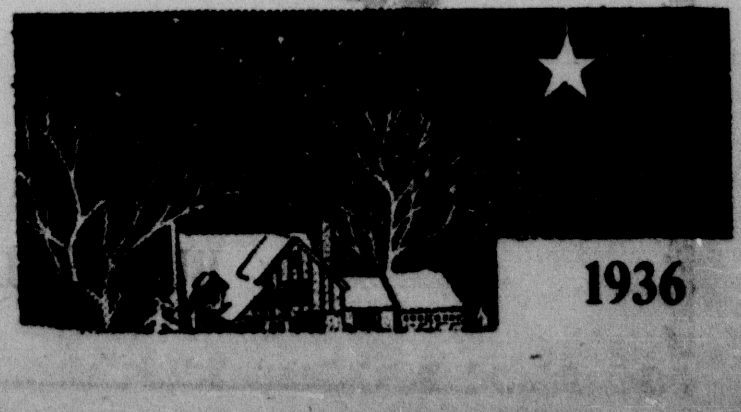
And you whose soaring steel has won
The favor of the flaming sun,
Who to the icy moon, have thrown
Your perilous pinnacles of stone,
How strange you do not look aloof
Upon a wretched stable roof.

O Proud Possessors, you who spend
That you may have the more to lend.
Whom life has taught to understand
The wisdom of the grasping hand,
How strange that you should find it sweet
To set your silver at his feet.
By what strange urging, what strange art
Do you abjure the hardened heart?

Oh World of Men, how wise you are
To count that one uncounted star!

It is a time when all men find it sweet to abjure hearts hardened by the ill Philosophy of false Pageantry. Proud possessors of great wealth whom life has taught the wisdom of the grasping hand are today the gift bearers, bringing the frankincense and myrrh of fealty and laying them at the foot of the Manger. It is a time when men of small import surge up with eager hearts to equal the Mighty of the Earth. The democracy of common Faith operates again. In the faces of Happy Children we see with such re-assurance the beam of Hope, we know that come what may in the New Year when weary months stagnate our journey toward another Christmas, we shall come again remembering to the Cradle.

Human frailty will lay by much in store as it values the material. Life is an obstacle and has dissolutionments that are often too grievous to bear. Somewhere in the economy of the Great Philosophy is the Scepter of great Magic, the Lamp of Aladdin, a Christmas, potent as a Benediction. Smart sneer nor the arrogance of intellectual deception, has not been able to rob the World of that Majestic Moment of Star Light in the calm desert. Humanity's consolation is secure in the light of that Star which is Hope. Christmas lives because its message is "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS FROM THE WAR ZONE

By REV. L. L. MORRISS

PASTOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A year ago this Christmas I was still trudging about on the sullen soil of the defeated and disgruntled domain of Germany. The only indication we seemed to have of the Christmas season was an occasional Christmas carol heard over the AFN radio station. Like other soldiers far from home special holidays seemed now to come and go without one realizing their full significance. This would be no different . . . a little extra ration perhaps, and a "Merry Christmas" greeting and the day would pass into the oblivion of yesterdays for I felt as did the poet Hugh Kerr:

I cannot see the Christ-child
For the soldiers marching past.
I cannot hear the angels
For the bugle's angry blast;
But I know the bells are ringing;
And that faith and hope are clinging
To the Day
When love shall crown the world at last.

I cannot see the Christ-child
For the smoke is in my eyes.
I cannot hear the shepherds,
For the little children's cries
But I know the bells are ringing,
And I think I head the singing
Of the Day
When peace like morning dawn shall rise.

Then something happened that lifted the season out of the oblivion of forgotten yesterdays. It was suggested by some in our "outfit" that we save and donate some of our own candy ration to Europe's wide eyed candy hungry children. The response was tremendous. Soon we had filled a huge barrel with the sweet morsels. Christmas day came and I stood before a teaming mass of chubby childrens hands reaching up to me as I passed out these candy bits of cheer made possible by the generous donations of "GI's" far from home who had caught the significance of Christmas. "This was it," I thought, "this was the real significance of Christmas . . . a day of giving. A day of forgetting the wrongs others had done us "For God so loved the world that he gave". It is a day of saying to all men regardless of country, race, color or creed, just what the angels said on the first Christmas morning, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men".

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Major H. Massengale Chief of Traffic At Templehof In Berlin

Wiesbaden, Germany—The European Air Transport Service announces the assignment of Major Herbert Massengale, son of Mrs. H. W. Massengale, as chief of the traffic division at Tempelhof Airdrome, Berlin station of EATS.

His organization, EATS, is the American flag carrier on the Continent and is responsible for linking the major cities and capitals of Europe in a closely knit network for the purpose of speeding the work of the Occupation.

Major Massengale is a graduate of Yoe High School in Cameron and attended the University of Texas prior to being employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

He entered the Army in October 1940 and served with the Training Command until he arrived in the European Theater in January 1946. He is expecting his wife, Mrs. Dorothy N. Massengale of Austin, and his two and a half year old son, Robert to join him in Berlin at the end of the year.

Christian Missionary Society Entertained By Mrs. Frank Reid

Mrs. Frank Reid entertained the Christian missionary society with a Christmas party, at her home Tuesday evening. Potted poinsettias and chrysanthemums were used to decorate the reception rooms.

Rita Reid greeted the guests at the door and gave them tiny red bells, later passing them names of carols. Mrs. Witcher gave a welcome to the members and the guests of the evening, followed by Mrs. Eber Flinn, the "carol mixer" as' each guest hummed the carol whose title they had, and found their group, and gathered around the piano to sing their carol. All the lights were then turned out except the lighted star over the beautiful manger scene, while Mrs. Harsha sang "Silent Night", followed by the scripture reading of the Holy birth by Mrs. Erin Slocomb, who also gave the story of the Christmas flower, the poinsettia and its legend. Mrs. Flinn entertained the group with a beautiful Christmas reading.

Mrs. W. B. Denson handed the gifts from under the brilliantly lighted tree. Guests were invited into the dining room where Mrs. Dow Eplen presided at the silver service. Coffee, Christmas candies, and doughnuts, iced to represent little holly wreathes, were served from the lace laid table centered with red roses and red candles in crystal candlebra. Twenty six guests were present.

History Club Meet At Mrs. Stanley Swift

Cameron History club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stanley Swift as hostess. A full attendance made a very interesting affair.

Two guests other than members, Mesdames Clifton Jenness and Claude Bradbury, enjoyed the program. Mrs. Louise Flinn gave a beautiful Christmas story.

The home was attractively decorated with home grown flowers, and featured handsome poinsettias at attractive points.

Refreshments were enjoyed in the dinning room at the close of the program.

Coach Jackson Thanks Fans For Loyalty

Coach Leo Jackson whose team of Yoemen reached the regional finals in football this year, following the game in Temple Friday night said:

"It is with deep gratitude that I reflect over the events of the year and I wish to thank the people of Cameron from the bottom of my heart for their loyalty and support. It is a source of great pride and joy to me and to the fine boys who played their hearts out. Your presence at the game and at other games has been an inspiration to the boys and to myself and we want you to know we appreciate your support.

Rudolph Mareth of Buckholts transacted business in Cameron Friday. Willie Stall of Burlington, Rt. 1 visited in Cameron this week.

H. L. Atkinson of Maysfield was in Cameron Monday on business. Mr. Atkinson is a large plantation owner and operator.

OSCAR P. MCANNALLY IS DEAD AT MONAHANS

Oscar P. McAnnally, died Sunday, December 15 at his home in Monahans in West Texas.

Mrs. R. L. Batte, Sr. was notified Monday of the death of her brother.

Funeral arrangements were not complete and were to be announced later in the day.

Mr. McAnnally served in the late war as a Staff Sergeant and was wounded by a Japanese sniper. He was the eldest brother of Mrs. Batte and the son of the late Oscar F. McAnnally, one time publisher of The Herald.

A S WE ENTER INTO another Holiday Season we wish to extend our profound thanks for the gracious friendships we have enjoyed.

May you enjoy the best of everything, not only this year and next, but during those to follow. May your hopes and dreams be fulfilled and may you enjoy Health, Happiness and Genuine Contentment.

A Merry Christmas

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Health, happiness, prosperity—may they all be yours to enjoy this Christmas and in the days to follow. And while we are extending these greetings to you and your family, we also wish to express our appreciation for the treatment afforded us in the year just closing. These courtesies are gratefully acknowledged with a pledge to strive for even greater service than has been our custom in the past. MERRY CHRISTMAS. ALL!

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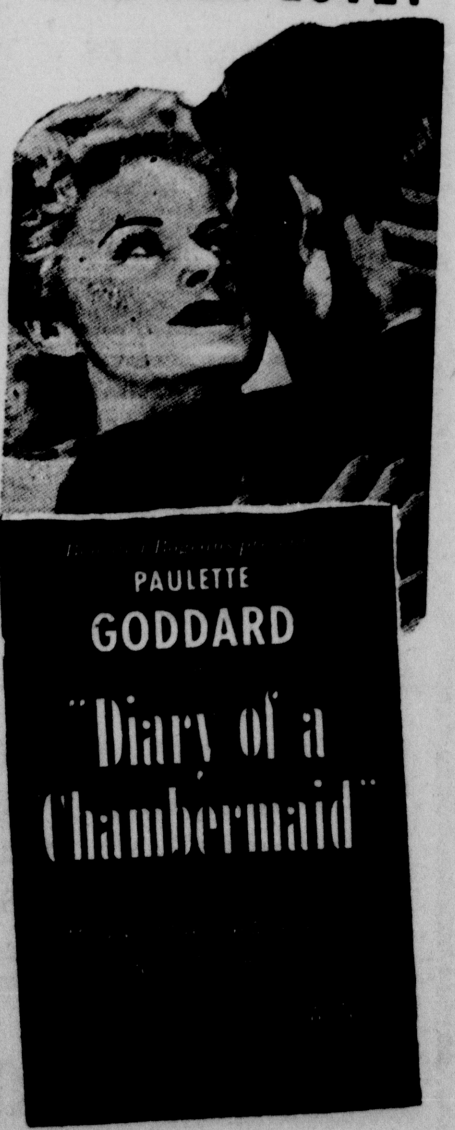

THE CAMERON THEATRE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
December 26 and 27

TO EVERYONE

As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence have been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, that this will be a most happy occasion for you and yours.

Fairmont Creamery

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Letters to ☆ Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
Will you bring me some fruit and a football? Most of all I would rather have a pair of boots.
Your friend,
Billy Ray Barrett

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a football and a bicycle? We would like to have some fruit, nuts and candy too please.
Your friend,
Donald Shuffield

Dear Santa:
I am nine years old. You may bring me anything you wish. Bring something to other children too, please.
Your friend,
Darlene Hurst

Dear Santa:
I would like a gun, a football, a baseball, a bat and a truck for Xmas.
Your friend,
Billy Tom Adams

Dear Santa:
We are beginning to get busy looking for nice packages and all. Santa, for Xmas I would like very much to have an in-expensive bango, an Army jack knife, and some fruit and nuts. Santa, I wish you good luck.
Your friend, x
Wayne Miller

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a watch and a Bible. My sister would like a watch too. If I am asking for too much don't bring it all. I am in the fourth grade and nine years old. Please bring my mother and daddy something nice. Thank you.
Your friend,
Mildred Rochelle Terry

Dear Santa:
Please try to bring me a bicycle, a doll and some fruit. Do you remember my mother when she was a little girl? She gave you some cookies and coffee. How is Mrs. Santa? I hope she is all right. Thank you for what you brought last year, come to see me Xmas night.
Your friend,
Ruth Lenore Heath

Dear Santa:
I am 10 years old and in the fourth grade. I would like to have a football, and a box of candy. Do you have a BB gun with BBs too, and a cap pistol with caps?
Your friend,
Cecil Baker

Dear Santa:
Xmas is right around the corner and it is getting colder every year. I hope it snows. Please bring me some jeans, a woolen shirt, a Brownie ring, and some candy and fruit. A merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.
Your friend,
Billie Nell Johnson

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a football, a bat and a base ball. Don't forget my little sister.
Your friend,
Alvin Wayne Baggerly

Dear Santa:
I hope you have a good Xmas. It is very cold here. Is your snow horse all right? I would like best a BB gun and a bicycle. That is all.
Your friend,
Kenneth Earl Wright

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a doll and a bicycle for Xmas. I am in the fourth grade. I would like to have a doll for my cousin.
Love,
Mary Helen Braden

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle, fruit, nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Mary Jane Sanders

Dear Santa:
I want you to send me an air gun for Christmas.
Your friend,
John Gandy

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an electric train, an air gun, a base ball and bat, and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Ben Tepera

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle and doctor set. Please bring me some fruit.
Your friend,
Mabel Ruth Tyson

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a scooter with baloon tires. I know you will not forget to leave lots of fruit, candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Wilma Faye Baldridge

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doctor set, a doll, and a bed. And bring me some candy and nuts. I can remember when you came before. I wish Xmas was this very day.
Your friend,
Melba Halpain

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle, also a doll and a doll bed and some fruit and candy.
Your friend,
Betty Sanders

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a rubber doll, a game, a book, and some candy, nuts, and fruit.
Love,
Joyce Edmonds

Dear Santa:
I want an electric train, some modeling clay, and a dart board with red darts.
With love,
Dicky Denson

Dear Santa:
I want a blackboard, a train, and some candy. Merry Xmas to you. I love you.
Your friend,
Dorothy Plasek

Dear Santa:
I hope you can come to see us this Xmas night. I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I want a pretty doll, some sparklers, and roman candles. My little sister wants a tricycle. Bring my baby brother something nice. Bring my mother and daddy something too. I want some candy and fruit.
I love you,
Ethelyne Moraw

Dear Santa:
I hope you can find where we live, because I want you to bring me a Magic skin doll, a little doll swing, a toy telephone, and a little Xylophone. Be sure and bring my sister what she wants. Bring my daddy plenty of chocolate candy and my mother something real nice. She is writing this for me for I am just 4 years old. I go to school with her and my sister. I sure do love you.
Daisy Western Henderson

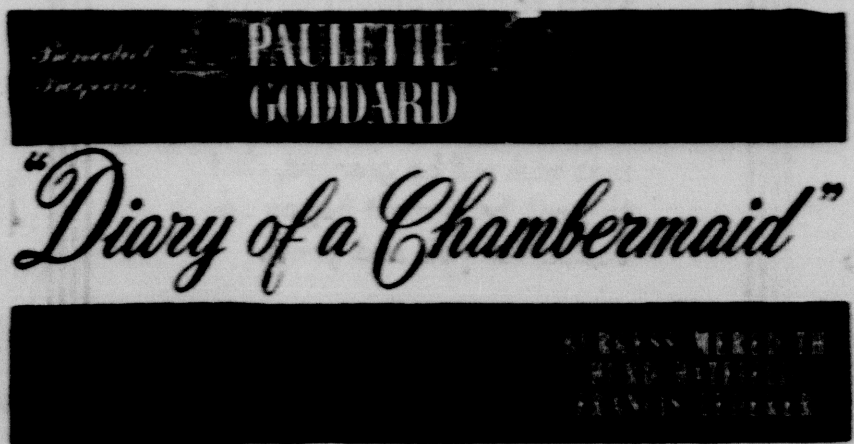
Dear Santa:
I know things are hard to get so I am not asking for much. I would like to have a football and a base ball mit.
Your friend,
Russell Brewer

Dear Santa:
I hope you are fine. I have been a good girl all the year I think. I am in the third grade and am eight years old. I would like a Magic skin doll 12 inches tall, a doll swing, and a Xylophone. Bring my mother a box of chocolate candy and bring my daddy a new lantern. Bring me some firecrackers and Roman candles. I hope you have a merry Xmas.
Your friend:
Thodora Ann Henderson

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle, a doll bed and a pair of skates, and some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Barbara Ann Simmons

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an air gun and thas all I would like, but please don't forget my little sister.
P. S. and a bow and arrow set, and four leashes for my four little puppies.
Your friend,
Freddie Fleisher

Dear Santa:
It is almost time for you to come to see all the little boys and girls I would like for you to bring me a sewing machine, a doll that can drink water, and a Brownie suit if you can. Remember all the little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Joyce Nicholson



THE CAMERON THEATRE
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Letters to ☆ Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I hope you can come this Xmas. I am a boy six years old. I want a scooter, colors, Roman candles, fire crackers, and a cowboy gun. Be good to all the little children all over the world. Bring my baby brother something real nice and my little sister a tricycle. Bring my mother a Frigidaire and my daddy something nice.
I love ou.
Charles Moraw

Dear Santa:
I don't want much, but I would like to have a doll, a buggy, and a bicycle.
Love,
Billie Mills

Dear Santa:
Will you bring me a stretch band bracelet and a drum?
Your friend,
Minnie Whittington

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a big truck, a negro doll, and a big red ball. Fill my stocking with nuts, candy and fruit.
Donald Warren

Dear Santa:
I want a doll for Xmas. My brother wants a truck, and my sister wants a doll too.
Love from your friend,
Patsy Ann Bell

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a cap pistol and some caps, an over night bag, and some fruit, nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Nancy Grabein

Dear Santa:
Please try to bring me an air gun and a box of BBs and a football. Try to bring the others something too, and my mother and father a box of candy.
Your friend,
Charles Albert Heitman

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a purse, a comb and some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Louise Condray

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a nurse set, a note book, and some doll clothes. Fill my stocking with candy, fruit and nuts, if there is enough left.
Shirley Warren

Please bring me a truck, a gun, and a big ball. Also bring me some candy, a orange, and an apple. If there are enough nuts left, please bring me some.
Billie Seaton

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a big doll, a jumping rope, and some doll clothes. Please bring me some nuts, fruit and candy.
Bonnie Jean Seaton

Dear Santa:
I would like a football and a gun.
Your friend,
Rudolfo Rangel

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, a nurse set, and a paper doll book. I would like to have some nuts and fruit and candy.
Joy Warren

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a truck, a ball, and a Jeep. Please bring me some candy, fruit and nuts.
Joe Lee Echinger

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, a red ball, and a jumping rope. Fill my stocking with candy, fruit and nuts.
Mary Eichinger

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 5 years of age. My name is Johnny Wayne Stevens. I go to North Elm school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Sam B. Houston. I like to go to school and like my teacher. I want you to bring me a wagon, fire truck and a drum.
Yours truly,
Johnny Wayne Stevens

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 8 years old. I go to school at North Elm and I want you to bring a bicycle and a wagon, a bat, a ball, and I wish you would come soon and bring us all some toys.
Your friend,
Raymond Garcia

Dear Santa:
I am 13 years old. I go to North Elm school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Sam Houston. For Xmas I want a horse, game and clothes. You have so many things to get so I won't ask for much. I am 5 feet tall, have blue eyes and blonde hair.
Yours forever,
Mary Joe Clements

De ar Santa:
I want some records and a stretch bracelet, and some candy. Give me a list of your rein deer.
With love,
Betsy Coleman

Dear Santa:
I want a BB gun with some shells, and a football. Remember all the little children.
Your friend,
Clifford Angell

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl and I am 5 years old, and I am in the first grade. I go to North Elm school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Sam Houston. I would like for you to bring me a lot of toys. I would be glad to get a doll and some dishes, a doll chair, some apples, oranges, and candy. Santa I was a good girl this year.
Yours truly,
Joyce Elaine Stevens

Dear Santa:
I am 6 years old. I like to go to school and like my teacher. I would like for you to bring me lots of toys. Bring me a doll, a ring, wagon, some dishes, doll chair, apples, oranges, and candy. Santa I was a good girl this year.
Yours truy,
Valasta Ann Hrachory

Dear Santa:
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a tricycle, a doll, doll clothes some candy, fruit and nuts. Bring my little sister, Linda Kay a rubber doll and some more small toys. I was asleep last year when you came. I hope I see you this year.
Yours truly,
Virginia Ray Abel

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old. I go to North Elm school. I am in the first grade. I try to be a good friend to all. And please bring me a doll, a dress, and some apples and oranges. Don't forget the other children, and bring them something good. And this is your very true friend.
Noemi Cabrera

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa:
I want a football, an electric train, and a bat and ball. I know I will like my things. Merry Xmas.
Donald Streetman

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a ring and a book sachel, a cowgirl suit, some candy, fruit and nuts.
Love to you,
Joyce Wilkerson

Dear Santa:
I want a Majorette. Please bring me a coat and some candy, fruit and nuts.
Nelwyn P. Heffington

Dear Santa:
I haven't seen you come down the chimney and I haven't heard you, but I would like my locker and my bicycle fixed. Please bring me some candy, fruit and nuts.
With love,
Richard Faver

Dear Santa:
I would like for you to bring me an electric train, a chemistry set, a cub set, a cub scout suit, fire works, a double scabbard with steel guns, and some candy. Merry Xmas.
Bobby Witcher

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle, a kick ball and a stretch bracelet.
Your little girl,
Sandra Hardy

Dear Santa:
I want an electric train and a football. Merry Xmas.
Jimmy Markham

Dear Santa:
I want a football, a basketball, and an electric train.
With love,
Johnnie Pitts

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In the excitement and hurry of the Christmas Season, it is difficult to see all one's friends even for a moment, to extend Yuletide Greetings. We do not wish to overlook any of our many friends at this glad time of the year so we are taking this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas; to acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors and to thank you for all you have done for us.

May good fortune follow you throughout the coming twelve months.

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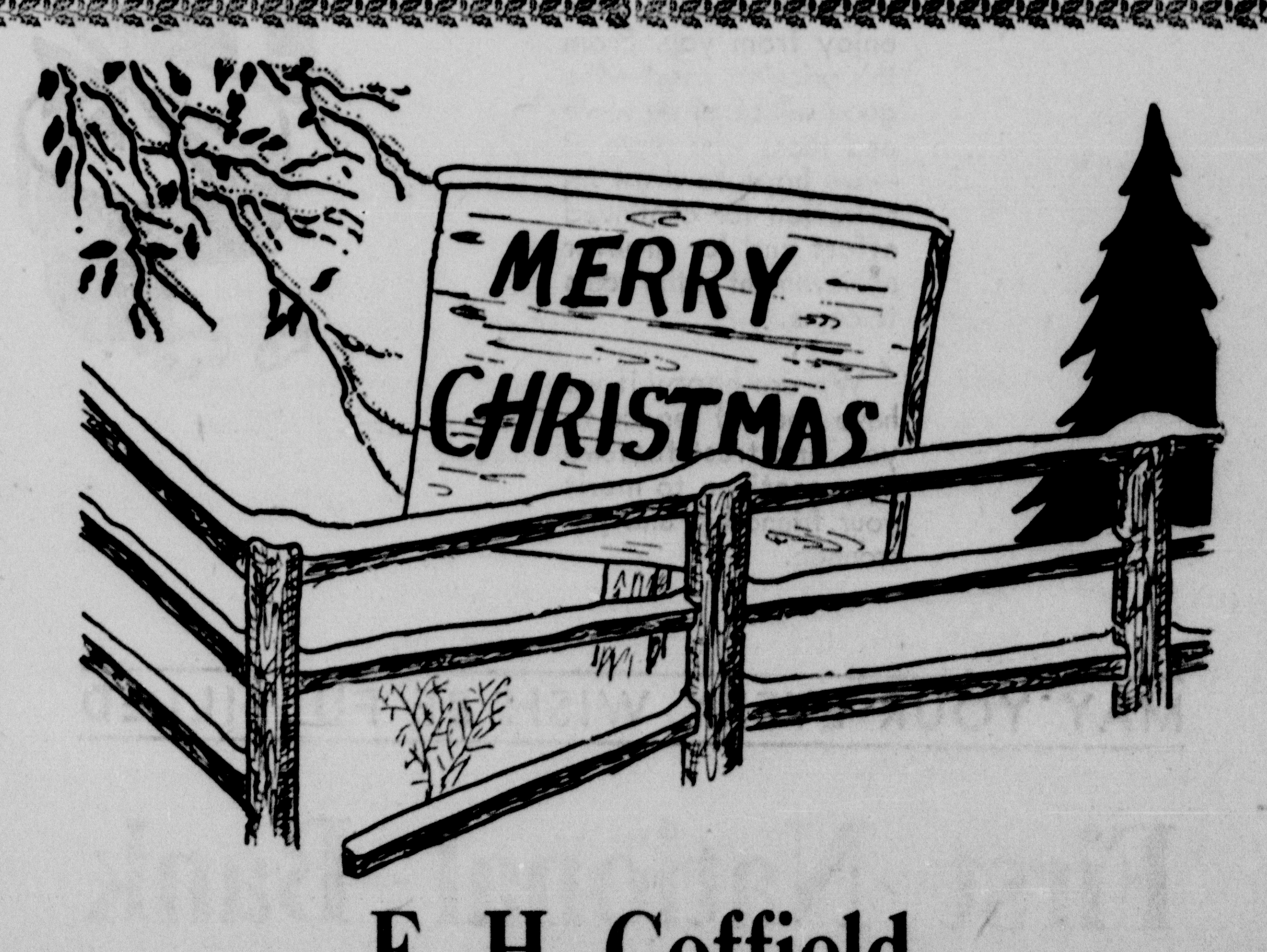

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CHRISTMAS

REV. GEORGE DUDA
ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Once again we are called upon to celebrate with love and gratitude the Birthday of Our Savior. Soon the sivery cadance of the herald angel's message will ring out crisp and clear the midnight air, summoning us to go over to Bethlehem to see the wonder that has taken place, and announcing the glad tidings of great joy, that this day is born to us a Savior who is Christ Our Lord.

On every anniversary of the Nativity fresh hope is given to the world and mankind share in the joys of men and angels on the first Christmas night. Christmas is therefore a great annual renewal of faith in the Divinity of Christ, a rechristening of mankind in the kingdom of Heaven. In the glow of its ardent emotions, the iron grip of the world is for the moment relaxed, and generous love is enkindled that melts flint-like hearts and makes humanity more humane, more unselfish and more God-like. Like a great soothing spell it pours oceans of Divine encouragement on the failing hearts of men.

Were Christmas merely a story of the long ago, enshrined in legend and enskyed in art, it would never have maintained its perennial freshness and exercise its all pervading influence. Sweet memories, gifts and greetings rare, amaranthine wreaths and garlands gay, enraptured choirs and merry laughter, all the limitless comforting associations of Christ would be powerless to preserve this high and holy festival, without faith in the fact that Christmas is the Birthday of the Word made Flesh.

Christmas joy therefore to be intelligent and real, must be centered around the crib and thus becomes the annual renewal of man's faith in the Divinity of Christ. It is the rechristening of mankind in the Kingdom of Heaven. Christmas, as its name implies is Christ'Mass. There are two different kind of Christmases kept each year on the annual feast day. One is the true Christmas, which befits its good old name ,such as social gatherings, friendly visits, good wishes, Christmas gifts, and charitable deeds done for the poor and needy all are made to center round the Divine Child of Bethlehem. And Christmas becomes, as it should become, the day of the Christ Child.

The other is made like a pagan than a Christian celebration. Its very name is changed. Instead of the time honored Christmas ,it is called Yule and Yuletide, a name borrowed from the riotous within festival of the old Norse paganism. For the crib as the center of celebration it sets up the wassail bowl, as a symbol for eating and drinking and revels. It is a Christmas of the shops and stores, a commercialized as well paganised over by such figments of fancy as Peter Pan, or Tiny Tim, or dear old Santa Claus, clucking with elfin glee and eerie anthem, bringing toys of different kinds, such as skates sleds, drums. Naturally this is a sad and sorry substitute for the angel's song of long ago. Even Christmas cards, many of them portray winter landscapes, comic cats, and ruined castles, but rarely show Bethlehem with the Mother and the Child.

God gave us Christmas to sanctify the world. In a rude cave on the village hillside near a crowded inn, God became a tiny Infant, surrounded by simple shepherds and guarded innocent souls. The starry ideals of that touching scene can never be improved on by men. To make Christmas a holiday instead of a Holyday should be steadfastly resisted. The pagan tide in the present affairs of the threatens to engulf Christmas, unless men of faith and vision bestir themselves and return to the Christian ideal of Christmas. Therefore no need of drums of war, as they have tired us with their din; no needs of skates, as diplomatic inns has worn them too thin; no needs of sleds, as we've slid down hill too long and much too fast. Consequently, let us take penitently and prayerfully the road trodden by so many christians, to the little path, away from the worlds great highway, that leads to the Infant Christ, our Savior at Bethlehem, the Giver of the world-wide Peace. With Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the angels beneath the starry skies with God's benediction hovering over us, on our hearts at peace with Him, yes let us kneel around the crib that holds the Divine Infant Jesus. It is there we shall learn the true meaning of Christmas, it is there we shall find the peace on earth, that was promised on the First Christmas night to men of good will. Then and then only will come true the old wish, re-echoed so frequently and often times so plaintively on this day of days, A Happy and a God Blessed Holy Christmas.

December 24—Confessions 2:30—6 p. m. and 7—11 p. m.

Christmas carols at 11:45 p. m. by St. Monica's choir. Midnight Mass High Misa Cantata and distribution of H. Com.

December 25—9 a. m. Misa Cantata and benediction of M. Bl. Sacrament.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 9,464 bales of cotton were ginned in Milam County, Texas from the crop of 1946 prior to December 1, 1946 as compared with 17,209 bales for the crop of 1945.

J. G. THOMPSON,
Special Agent.

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Mr. Kennon has been with a wholesale drug house in Seattle and only recently completed 6 years in the navy. During 4 years of the time he was in the south Pacific theatre of war.

They plan to live in Temple where Mr. Kennon is interested in printing. Before leaving Cameron in 1939 he was employed by The Herald.

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